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Editor:

Dennis Scales' letter (Mailbox, Nov. 30) is the first I've seen opposing the dam removals.

I agree with all he wrote and only wish to add that this grand experiment could have been done far more cheaply by carefully breaching the dams to let the water out and the fish up. Then, if it is discovered that the salmon don't return and hydro power is important ... simply close the breach.

Gary Sack, Freshwater

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From coastal flatlands

Trees just now

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An unexpected splash of color

In the dark redwoods.

Here the river shows little sign

Of swelling, while up river

It is full and muddy,

Tumbling down, soon to swell

The reaches below.

Onward we go

Up mountain

The temperature falls,

Leaves mostly already gone

Into the forest, onto

The rain slicked mirror

Of the highway.

And, in the storm, animals

Are on the move.

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There, a pair of does,

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Of wild turkeys to welcome

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Former Fair Bookkeeper Arrested by FBI in Embezzlement Case

Nina Tafarella posts \$15K bail, slated to appear in SF court Dec. 6

By Thadeus Greenson
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Former Humboldt County Fair Association bookkeeper Nina Tafarella was arrested by the FBI on a federal wire fraud warrant in Los Angeles County late last month and is free after posting \$15,000 bail, according to court records.

Reached by the *Journal* on Nov. 29, a week after her arrest, Tafarella declined to comment for this story.

A federal grand jury indicted Tafarella on Oct. 11 on five counts of wire fraud stemming from an alleged “ghost payroll” embezzlement scheme that prosecutors allege saw her defraud the fair association of approximately \$430,000 over the course of about 21 months. Magistrate Judge Thomas Hixson issued a warrant for Tafarella’s arrest Nov. 21, about three weeks after she failed to show up at a scheduled initial court appearance in San Francisco.

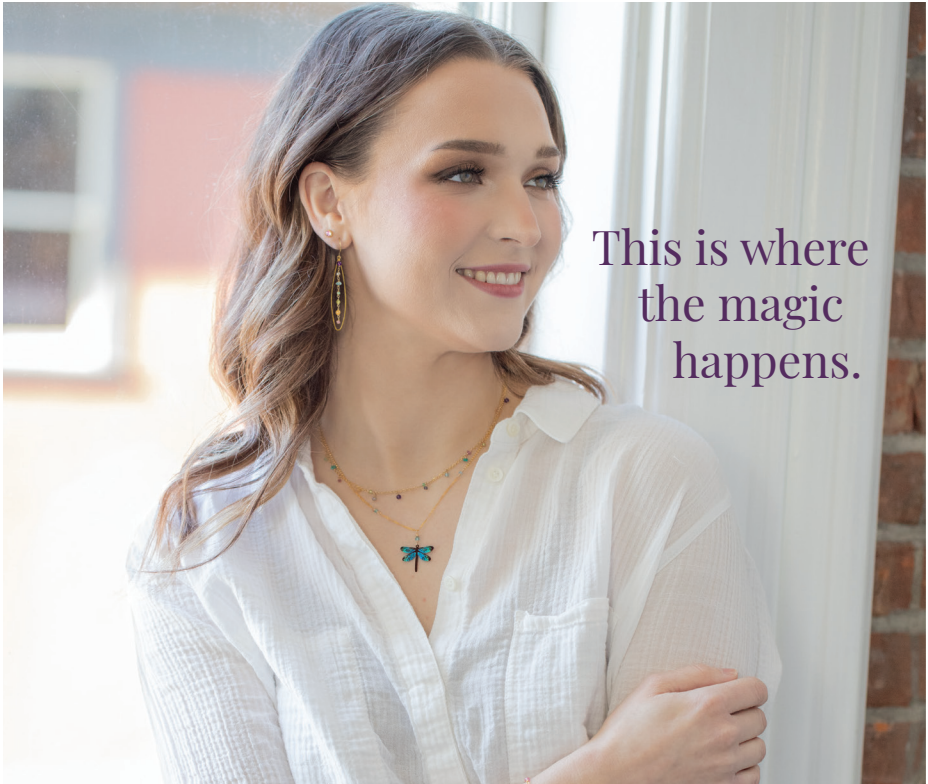
After her arrest — the circumstances of which were not clear as the *Journal* went to press — Tafarella went through the federal booking process, according to court records. That included filing a financial disclosure form under seal with the court, waived her right to a hearing at which prosecutors would have to prove her identity, agreed to travel restrictions, pledged not to use illegal drugs or “state-authorized marijuana” and to submit to drug testing, and agreed to participate in mental health treatment as directed by the agency supervising her release. After being appointed a deputy federal public defender, she then posted a \$15,000 bond secured by her sister and promised to appear in the federal courthouse in San Francisco for a hearing at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 6. She did not enter a plea in the case.

Tafarella, 48, oversaw the association’s financial records from February of 2021 until her Nov. 15, 2022, arrest at a local casino, also stands accused of embezzling \$23,400 from a nonprofit dance studio in Eureka.

According to the indictment in the case, Tafarella’s scheme to defraud the fair association began by issuing fraudulent checks to herself, or her company Clean Books Now, and then manipulating QuickBooks entries to make it seem the payments were made to a different vendor. She then allegedly “continued her fraud ... by devising and implementing a new ‘ghost payroll’ scheme to defraud (The Humboldt County Fair Association) out of more money and transfer the money to herself,” according to the indictment, which alleges Tafarella created fake employees in the association’s accounting software that she used to route payroll direct deposits to her own bank account.

“Tafarella often used fake employee names that were similar to real employee names by adding the middle initial of ‘J’ to an otherwise real employee name,” the indictment states, adding that the fake employees listed in QuickBooks — at least seven of them — were all linked to Tafarella’s bank account. “Towards the end of the scheme, Tafarella started entering fake payments under the name ‘Internal Revenue Service EFTPS,’ which was linked” to her bank and PayPal accounts. To conceal the fraud, in addition to making false entries into QuickBooks, the indictment alleges Tafarella altered the records to add fake Social Security numbers — “many of which were 111-22-333” — altered journal entries, reported fake payroll employees to the State of California and

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the IRS, and created fake financial reports. She also allegedly crafted fraudulent financial reports used to hide her ongoing theft from the association.

The indictment alleges Tafarella used the embezzled funds "on personal expenditures, including Amazon purchases, restaurants and gambling."

News of Tafarella's most recent arrest comes as the Humboldt County Fair Association continues to unravel the financial tangle her alleged embezzlement left behind. Having already revamped its fiscal controls, the board was informed at its Nov. 27 meeting that the association owes an estimated \$33,000 in taxes and payments associated with its 2021 return due to filing delays caused by the alleged embezzlement.

Fair Association Board President Andy Titus has told the *Journal* previously he's hopeful the nonprofit will be able to recover some of the stolen funds as a part of the criminal case against Tafarella. The U.S. Attorney's Office has filed a forfeiture allegation against her.

Each of the federal counts Tafarella was indicted on carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 or both, if convicted. The U.S. Attorney's Office is also seeking the forfeiture of all property "derived from the proceeds" of the fraud, or a forfeiture judgment of \$456,911.

The judgment would allow prosecutors to seize "substitute property" in the event that the embezzled funds — or what was purchased with them — cannot be located, have been transferred to a third party or have been "substantially diminished in value."

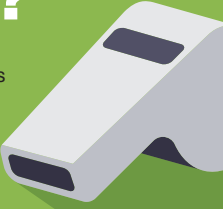
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Bear Cubs Settling in at Zoo

Sequoia Park Zoo's bears — Noni and Tule — are branching out into a larger area of their habitat at the facility, which is designed to mimic the natural environment with a waterfall, log structures and even more trees to climb.

Tule — a boy — and Noni — a girl — were rescued separately as cubs last year and raised together at Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care, where they bonded before arriving in Eureka in May after the California De-

partment of Fish and Wildlife determined the two were not able to be released.

"It's amazing watching them explore," says Amanda Auston, animal curator at Sequoia Park Zoo, in a news release. "Animal care staff will be closely monitoring them, especially over the next few days, and all signs are positive for a continued and smooth transition to the full habitat."

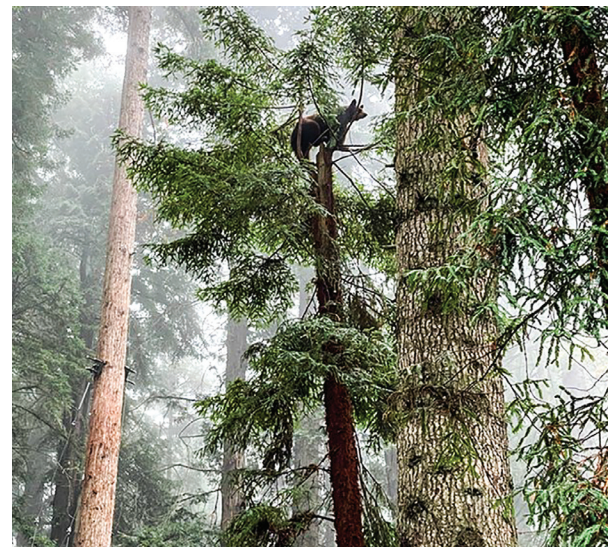
According to the release, the bears began exploring the area — known as the "front-yard" — on Nov. 27, with Noni taking straight

to the trees while Tule went on the hunt for snacks amid the logs and leaves.

Tule then "tired himself out chasing Noni up the trees" and both "spent time splashing in the pond and exploring the waterfall," the release states, noting the pair are strong swimmers.

— Kimberly Wear

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Noni takes to the top of a tree in her enclosure.

Sequoia Park Zoo/Facebook

EPD Identifies Man Killed by Police

The Eureka Police Department has identified the man killed by officers in a shooting last week as Matthew Robert Williams, 31, of Cutten.

EPD issued a press release Dec. 1, offering a bit more detail on the shooting that followed a traffic stop at about 9:35 a.m. on Nov. 26, leaving Williams dead and two officers on administrative leave. According to EPD, the incident began when an officers pulled over a vehicle on M Street, north of Second Street, for having an expired registration tag. When the vehicle stopped, Williams, the right front passenger, got out and fled on foot, according to the release, which details that he ran east on a walkway north of the Ingomar Club toward the north side of the Humboldt County Library.

According to the release, the officer who had pulled the vehicle over did not pursue Williams, instead staying with the car and its two occupants as nearby officers responded to search the area for the fleeing man.

"An officer located the male as he was attempting to scale a fence to the north side of the Clara Mayberry Park, which was closed," the release states, adding that the officer gave Williams commands to stop. "However, the male refused to comply and a physical altercation ensued."

The release states that as a second officer arrived to assist, Williams allegedly pulled a pistol, which he held with his right hand, and at some point chambered a round.

"At this point during the altercation, shots were fired by officers and the male was struck by the gunfire," the release states. "It's unknown at this time if the male fired his handgun during the altercation."

Williams was pronounced dead at the scene and an autopsy has been scheduled.

After the shooting, the officer who'd initiated the traffic stop left the vehicle to help the officers who'd been involved in the alleged altercation with and shooting of Williams. At that point, the two occupants

of the vehicle left the area. They and the car were later tracked down, with the occupants interviewed and the car seized as evidence.

According to the release, two officers fired shots at Williams — one with more than seven years' of experience in law enforcement, the other with more than four years' experience. The release states both were minorly injured in the altercation and have been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation, per departmental protocol.

The firearm recovered from Williams was a ghost gun, according to EPD, meaning it does not have a serial number. Additionally, the release alleges he was found to be in possession of 42 grams of fentanyl and a "large amount of cash."

According to EPD, one of the officers who fired their weapon during the exchange was wearing a body camera that captured video of the incident, while the other officer's camera "suffered a malfunction and did not capture the incident."

According to media reports, Williams has a history of arrests in Humboldt

County, primarily for drug offenses. He was most recently arrested July 25 by agents with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force on suspicion of drug possession, resisting a peace officer, violation of the terms of his probation and possessing burglary tools. According to jail staff, he was booked and released the same day.

The shooting remains under investigation by the Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team, with the investigation being co-led by the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office and EPD. Meanwhile, a parallel administrative investigation is also being conducted and its findings will be reviewed by the city's independent police auditor, who will report to the city's Community Oversight on Police Practices Board.

EPD asks anyone with information about the incident to call detective Bailey with the Criminal Investigations Unit at (707) 441-4215 or district attorney investigator G. Hill at (707) 268-2553.

— Thadeus Greenon

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Sheriff's Office Allows Organ Donations After Apparent Suicide

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office stated Dec. 1 that it will allow the family of an inmate who suffered "non-survivable" injuries in an apparent suicide attempt at the jail on Nov. 17 to follow his wishes to have his organs donated.

The *Lost Coast Outpost* reported earlier that the family of Eric Matilton, 38, was previously told Sheriff William Honsal had denied the request due to the need to conduct a full investigation into his injuries, including a forensic autopsy.

According to a press release, Honsal

made the determination to allow the organ donation to go forward after consulting with District Attorney Stacey Eads, "subject matter experts and a forensic pathologist to see if there was a way to honor Eric's wishes."

"As a result of these consultations, the sheriff has agreed to have a forensic pathologist involved to pursue the donation of Eric's organs and perform the autopsy to ensure investigation protocol is followed," the release states. "The Matilton family was also consulted, and the donor network is now making these preparations."

According to the sheriff's office, Matilton was jailed Nov. 3 on suspicion of brandishing a weapon and on a parole hold. After being found in his cell by correctional deputies on Nov. 17, rescue efforts were "initiated and performed, and he was subsequently transported to the hospital for treatment."

"Protocol requires that every in-custody death must be fully investigated [by the county's Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT)], including the completion of a forensic autopsy, by a contract pathologist," the release states. "A forensic examination will

be used to make a final determination of the cause of death. This protocol is in place to ensure a transparent, evidence-based investigation is completed and sent to the district attorney for review."

Following the completion of the CIRT investigation, "the Humboldt County District Attorney will review all facts and evidence in this investigation to conclude if there is any criminal liability," according to the sheriff's office.

— Kimberly Wear

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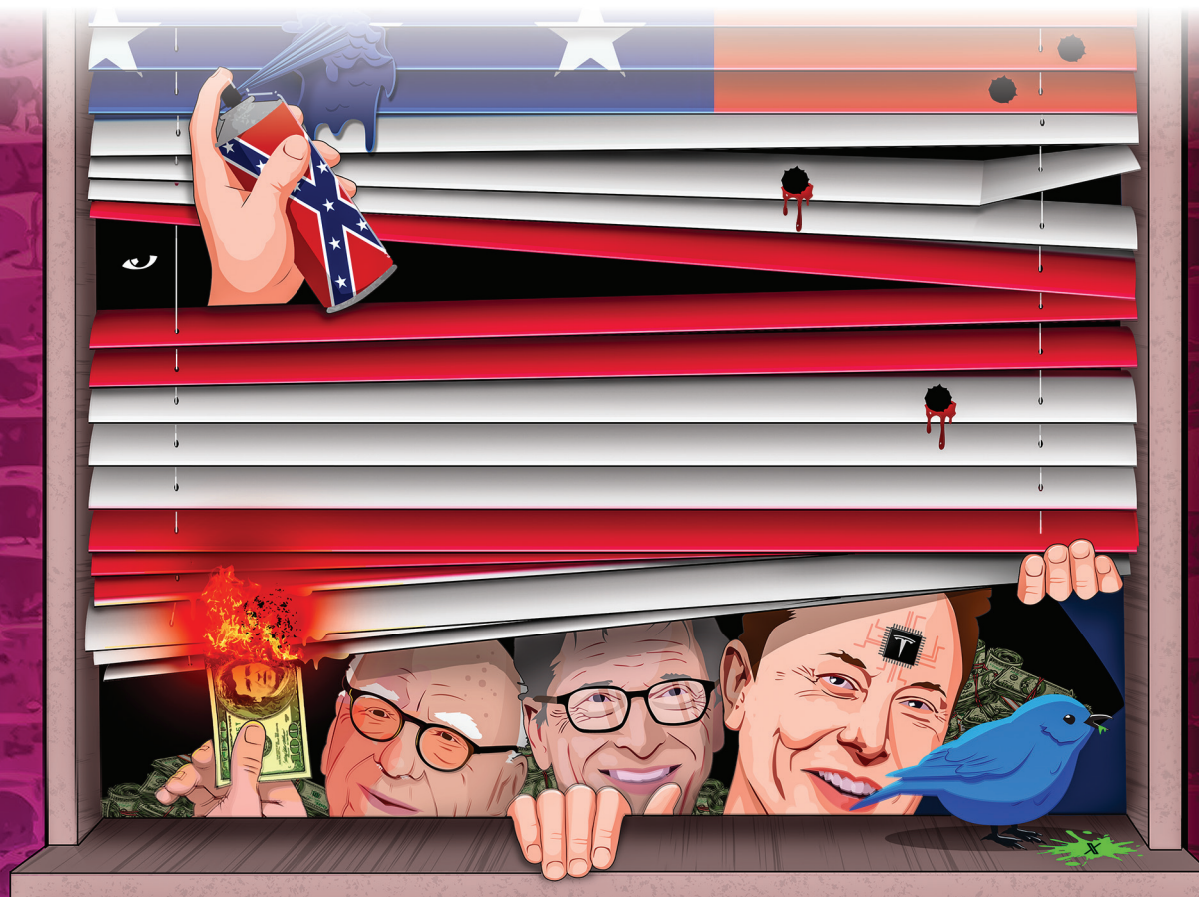
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Corporate Abuse, Environmental Harm Dominate *Project Censored* Top Stories of 2023

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Editor's note: This list has been pared down for space. For Project Censored's full list of the 10 most underreported stories of 2023, visit northcoastjournal.com.

“We have made the planet inhospitable to human life.” That’s what the lead researcher in *Project Censored*’s number one story this year said. He wasn’t talking about the climate catastrophe. He was talking about so-called “forever chemicals,” per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), linked to prostate, kidney and testicular cancer, as well as additional health risks, after the study he led found unsafe levels in rainwater worldwide.

Even though this story received some corporate media attention — in *USA*

Today and the *Discovery Channel* — the starkly shocking bottom line clearly didn’t come through to the general public. Have you heard it before? Has it been the subject of any conversation you’ve had? No? Well, that, my friend, is the very essence of what *Project Censored*’s signature “top 10” list is all about exposing the suppression (active or passive) of vitally important information from the public, which renders the public unable to act in the way that a healthy democratic public is supposed to. They’ve been doing it since Carl Jensen began it with a single college class in 1976, inspired in part by the way the Watergate story got this same sort of treatment until well after the election cycle it was part of.

But there’s a second story intertwined with the “forever chemicals” pervasive

presence: the revelation that companies responsible for them have known about their dangers for decades, but kept those dangers hidden — just like fossil fuel companies and the climate catastrophe. The intersection of environmental/public health and corporate criminality is typical of how certain long-standing patterns of censored news weave together across the years, even decades, and how the spotlight *Project Censored* shines on them helps to make sense of much more than the individual stories it highlights, as vitally important as they are in themselves.

In previous years, I’ve highlighted the multiplicity of patterns of censorship that can be seen. In their introduction to the larger 25-story list in their annual book, *The State of the Free Press*, Andy Lee Roth and Steve Macek describe these

patterns at two levels. First, invoking the metaphor that “exemplary reporting is praised for ‘shining light’ on a subject or ‘bringing to light’ crucial facts and original perspectives,” they say:

The news reports featured in this chapter are rays of light shining through a heavily slatted window. Each of these independent news reports highlights a social issue that has otherwise been dimly lit or altogether obscured by corporate news outlets. The shading slats are built from the corporate media’s concentrated ownership, reliance on advertising, relationship to political power, and narrow definitions of who and what count as “newsworthy.” Censorship, whether overt or subtle, establishes the angle of the slats, admitting more

or less light from outside.

But in addition, they say, it's important to see the "list as the latest installment in an ongoing effort to identify systemic gaps in so-called 'mainstream' (i.e., corporate) news coverage." They go on to say, "Examining public issues that independent journalists and outlets have reported but which fall outside the scope of corporate news coverage makes it possible to document *in specific detail* how corporate news media leave the public in the dark by marginalizing or blockading crucial issues, limiting political debate, and promoting corporate views and interests."

On the one hand, all that is as true as it's ever been. But on the other hand, the two-story themes in the number one story — environmental harm and corporate abuse — so dominate the top 10 story list that they send another message as well, a message about the fundamental mismatch between our needs as a species living on a finite planet and a rapacious economic system conceived in ignorance of that fact. The climate catastrophe is just the most extreme symptom of this mismatch — but it's far from the only one. Corporate abuse figures into every story in the list — though sometimes deep in the background, as with their decades-long efforts to destroy unions in story number six. Environmental harms "only" show up in seven of the 10 stories.

There are still other patterns here, to be sure — and I encourage you to look for them yourself because seeing those patterns enriches your understanding of the world as it is, and as it's being hidden from you. But this dominant pattern touches us all. The evidence is right there, in the stories themselves.



'Forever Chemicals' in Rainwater a Global Threat to Human Health

Rainwater is "no longer safe to drink anywhere on Earth," Morgan Mc-

Fall-Johnsen reported in *Insider* in August of 2022, summing up the results of a global study of so-called "forever chemicals," polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*. Researchers from Stockholm University, the Institute of Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics at ETH Zurich concluded that "in many areas inhabited by humans," PFAS contamination levels in rainwater, surface water and soil "often greatly exceed" the strictest international guidelines for acceptable levels of perfluoroalkyl acids.

They're called "forever chemicals" because they take so long to break down, "allowing them to build up in people, animals, and environments," *Insider* reported. *Project Censored* notes, "Prior research has linked these chemicals to prostate, kidney and testicular cancer and additional health risks, including developmental delays in children, decreased fertility in women and men, reduced vaccine efficacy and high cholesterol."

"PFAS were now 'so persistent' and ubiquitous that they will never disappear from the planet," Lead researcher Ian Cousins told *Agence France-Presse*. "We have made the planet inhospitable to human life by irreversibly contaminating it now so that nothing is clean anymore. And to the point that it's not clean enough to be safe," he said, adding, "We have crossed a planetary boundary," a paradigm for evaluating Earth's capacity to absorb harmful impacts of human activity.

The "good news" is that PFAS levels aren't increasing in the environment. "What's changed is the guidelines," he said. "They've gone down millions of times since the early 2000s, because we've learned more about the toxicity of these substances."

All the more reason the second strand of this story is important: "The same month," *Project Censored* writes, "researchers at the University of California, San Francisco, published a study in the *Annals of Global Health* using internal industry documents to show that the companies responsible for 'forever chemicals' have known for decades that these substances pose significant threats to human health and the environment."

There's been limited corporate media coverage that rainwater isn't safe to drink — specifically from *USA Today*, the Discovery Channel and *Medical News Today*. But the general public clearly hasn't heard the news. However, there's been more coverage of the series of lawsuits developing in response to PFAS. But the big-picture story surrounding them remains shockingly missing.



Toxic Chemicals Continue to Go Unregulated in the United States

The United States is "a global laggard in chemical regulation," *ProPublica* reported in December of 2022, a result of chemical industry influence and acquiescence by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over a period of decades, according to reporters Neil Bedi, Sharon Lerner and Kathleen McGrory. A headline example: Asbestos, one of the most widely-recognized toxic substances, is still legal in the U.S., more than 30 years after the EPA tried to have it banned.

"Through interviews with environmental experts and analysis of a half century's worth of legislation, lawsuits, EPA documents, oral histories, chemical databases and regulatory records, *ProPublica* uncovered the longstanding institutional failure to protect Americans from toxic chemicals," *Project Censored* reported. *ProPublica* identified five main reasons for failure:

1. The Chemical Industry Helped Write the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

A top EPA official "joked the law was 'written by industry' and should have been named after the DuPont executive who went over the text line by line," *ProPublica* reported. The law "allowed more than 60,000 chemicals to stay on the market without a review of their health risks" and required the EPA to always choose the "least burdensome" regulations. "These two words would doom American chemical regulation for decades."

2. Following Early Failures, the EPA Lost Its Resolve.

In 1989, after 10 years of work, the EPA was banning asbestos. But companies that used asbestos sued and won in 1991, based on a court ruling they'd failed to prove it was the "least burdensome" option. However, "the judge did provide a road map for future bans, which would require the agency to do an analysis of other regulatory options ... to prove they wouldn't be adequate." But rather than follow

through, the EPA simply gave up.

3. Chemicals Are Considered Innocent Until Proven Guilty.

For decades, the U.S. and EU used a "risk-based" approach to regulation, requiring the government to prove a chemical poses unreasonable health risks before restricting it — which can take years. In 2007, the EU switched to a "hazard-based" approach, putting the burden on companies when there's evidence of significant harm. As a result, *ProPublica* explained, "the EU has successfully banned or restricted more than a thousand chemicals." A similar approach was proposed in the U.S. in 2005 by New Jersey Sen. Frank Lautenberg, but it was soundly defeated.

4. The EPA Mostly Regulates Chemicals One by One.

In 2016, a new law amended the TSCA to cut the "least burdensome" language, and created a schedule "where a small list of high-priority chemicals would be reviewed every few years; In 2016, the first 10 were selected, including asbestos," *ProPublica* reported. "The EPA would then have about three years to assess the chemicals and another two years to finalize regulations on them." But six years later, "the agency is behind on all such rules. So far, it has only proposed one ban, on asbestos, and the agency told *ProPublica* it would still be almost a year before that is finalized." Industry fights the process at every step. "Meanwhile, the EU has authored a new plan to regulate chemicals even faster by targeting large groups of dangerous substances," which "would lead to bans of another 5,000 chemicals by 2030."

5. The EPA Employs Industry-Friendly Scientists as Regulators.

"The EPA has a long history of hiring scientists and top officials from the companies they are supposed to regulate, allowing industry to sway the agency's science from the inside," *ProPublica* wrote. A prime example is Todd Stedeford. "A lawyer and toxicologist, Stedeford has been hired by the EPA on three separate occasions," *ProPublica* noted. "During his two most recent periods of employment at the agency — from 2011 to 2017 and from 2019 to 2021 — he was hired by corporate employers who use or manufacture chemicals the EPA regulates."

"A handful of corporate outlets have reported on the EPA's slowness to regulate certain toxic chemicals," *Project Censored*

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noted, citing stories in the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. “However, none have highlighted the systemic failures wrought by the EPA and the chemical industry.”



Stalkerware Could Be Used to Incriminate People Violating Abortion Bans

Stalkerware — consisting of up to 200 surveillance apps and services that provide secret access to people’s phones for a monthly fee — “could become a significant legal threat to people seeking abortions, according to a pair of articles published in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn the constitutional right to abortion,” *Project Censored* reports.

“Abortion medication is safe. But now that *Roe* is overturned, your data isn’t,” Rae Hodge wrote for the tech news site *CNET* just two days after the Dobbs decision. “Already, the digital trails of abortion seekers can become criminal evidence against them in some states where abortion[s] were previously prosecuted. And the legal dangers may extend to abortion seekers in even more states.” The next month, writing for *Slate*, University of Virginia law professor Danielle Keats Citron warned that “surveillance accomplished by individual privacy invaders will be a gold mine for prosecutors targeting both medical workers and pregnant people seeking abortions.”

Invaders only need a few minutes to access phones and passwords. “Once installed, cyberstalking apps silently record and upload phones’ activities to their servers,” Citron explained. “They enable privacy invaders to see our photos, videos, texts, calls, voice mails, searches, social media activities, locations — nothing is out of reach. From anywhere, individuals can activate a phone’s mic to listen to conversations within 15 feet of the phone,” even “conversations that pregnant people have with their health care providers — nurses, doctors and insurance company employees,” she

warned. As a result, Hodge cautioned, “Those who aid abortion seekers could be charged as accomplices in some cases,” under some state laws.

It’s not just abortion, she explained, “Your phone’s data, your social media accounts, your browsing and geolocation history, and your ISP’s detailed records of your internet activity may all be used as evidence if you face state criminal or civil charges for a miscarriage.”

“Often marketed as a tool to monitor children’s online safety or as device trackers, stalkerware is technically illegal to sell for the purpose of monitoring adults,” *Project Censored* noted, but that’s hardly a deterrent. “Stalkerware and other forms of electronic surveillance have been closely associated with domestic violence and sexual assault, according to the National Network to End Domestic Violence,” Citron added.

In addition, Hodge explained, “third-party data brokers sell sensitive geolocation data — culled through a vast web of personal tracking tech found in apps, browsers, and devices — to law enforcement without oversight.” And “abortion bounty hunter” provisions adopted by states like Texas and Oklahoma add a financial incentive. “Given the inexpensive cost of readily available stores of personal data and how easily they can be de-anonymized, savvy informants could use the information to identify abortion seekers and turn a profit,” she noted.

“The law’s response to intimate privacy violations is inadequate, lacking a clear conception of what intimate privacy is, why its violation is wrongful and how it inflicts serious harm upon individuals, groups and society,” Citron explained. “Until federal regulations and legislation establish a set of digital privacy laws, abortion seekers are caught in the position of having to create their own patchwork of digital defenses, from often complicated and expensive privacy tools,” Hodge warned. While the bipartisan American Data Privacy and Protection Act is still “slowly inching through Congress,” it “is widely thought toothless,” she wrote.

The Biden administration has proposed a new rule protecting “certain health data from being used to prosecute both clinicians and patients,” STAT reported in May of 2023, but the current draft only applies “in states where abortion is legal.”

“Corporate news outlets have paid some attention to the use of digital data in abortion-related prosecutions,” *Project Censored* reports. While there have been

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stories about post-Roe digital privacy, “none have focused specifically on how stalkerware could potentially be used in criminal investigations of suspected abortions.”

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Certified Rainforest Carbon Offsets Mostly ‘Worthless’

“The forest carbon offsets approved by the world’s leading certifier and used by Disney, Shell, Gucci and other big corporations are largely worthless and could make global heating worse, according to a new investigation,” the *Guardian* reported Jan. 23, as part of joint nine-month reporting project with SourceMaterial and *Die Zeit*. “The analysis raises questions over the credits bought by a number of internationally renowned companies — some of them have labeled their products ‘carbon neutral,’

or have told their consumers they can fly, buy new clothes or eat certain foods without making the climate crisis worse.”

“About 90 percent of rainforest carbon offsets certified by Verra, the world’s largest offset certifier, do not reflect real reductions in emissions,” *Project Censored* summed up. Verra “has issued more than 1 billion metric tons worth of carbon offsets (and) certifies three-fourths of all voluntary carbon offsets.” While “Verra claimed to have certified 94.9 million credits,” the actual benefits “amounted to a much more modest 5.5 million credits.” This was based on an analysis of “the only three scientific studies to use robust, scientifically sound methods to assess the impact of carbon offsets on deforestation,” *Project Censored* explained. “The journalists also consulted with Indigenous communities, industry insiders and scientists.”

“The studies used different methods and time periods, looked at different ranges of projects, and the researchers said no modeling approach is ever perfect,” the *Guardian* wrote. “However, the data showed broad agreement on the lack of effectiveness of the projects compared with the Verra-approved

predictions.”

Specifically, “The investigation of 29 Verra rainforest offset projects found that 21 had no climate benefit, seven had significantly less climate benefit than claimed (by margins of 52 to 98 percent less benefit than claimed), while one project yielded 80 percent more climate benefit than claimed. Overall, the study concluded that 94 percent of the credits approved by these projects were ‘worthless’ and never should have been approved.”

“Another study conducted by a team of scientists at the University of Cambridge found that in 32 of the 40 forest offset projects investigated, the claims concerning forest protection and emission reductions were overstated by an average of 400 percent,” *Project Censored* reported. “Despite claims that these 32 projects together protected an area of rainforest the size of Italy, they only protected an area the size of Venice.”

While Verra criticized the studies’ methods and conclusions, an outside expert, Oxford ecoscience professor Yadvinder Singh Malhi, had two PhD students check for errors, and they found

none. “I wish it were otherwise, but this report is pretty compelling,” he told the *Guardian*.

“Rainforest protection credits are the most common type on the market at the moment. And it’s exploding, so these findings really matter,” said Barbara Haya, director of the Berkeley Carbon Trading Project, whose researched carbon credits for 20 years. “But these problems are not just limited to this credit type. These problems exist with nearly every kind of credit,” she told the *Guardian*. “We need an alternative process. The offset market is broken.”

“There is simply nobody in the market who has a genuine interest to say when something goes wrong,” Lambert Schneider, a researcher at the Öko-Institut in Berlin, told *SourceMaterial*.

“The investigations by the *Guardian*, *Die Zeit* and *SourceMaterial* appear to have made a difference. In March of 2023, Verra announced that it would phase out its flawed rainforest offset program by mid-2025,” *Project Censored* reported. But they could only find one brief mention of the joint investigation in major U.S. newspapers, a *Chicago Tribune* op-ed.



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Unions Won More Than 70 Percent of Their Elections in 2022, and Their Victories Are Being Driven by Workers of Color

Unions won more than 70 percent of their certification elections in 2022, according to reporting by NPR and *The Conversation*, and workers of color were responsible for 100 percent of union growth, according to an analysis by the Economic Policy Institute reported by *Payday Report* and the *New Republic*. A total of 2,510 petitions for union representation were filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in fiscal

year 2022 (Oct. 1, 2021-Sept. 30, 2022), up 53 percent from FY 2021. A total of 1,249 certification elections were held, with 72 percent voting to certify a union as their collective bargaining agent. "The entire increase in unionization in 2022 was among workers of color — workers of color saw an increase of 231,000, while white workers saw a decrease of 31,000," EPI wrote in a February of 2023 press release.

EPI also noted that "survey data show that nearly half of nonunion workers (48 percent) would vote to unionize their workplace if they could. That means that more than 60 million workers wanted to join a union, but couldn't. The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act and the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act provide crucial reforms that would strengthen workers' rights to form a union and engage in collective bargaining." It passed the House in 2020 and 2021 but died in the Senate, where it needed 60 votes to pass because of the filibuster. "Seventy-one percent of Americans now support unions according to Gallup — a level of support not seen since 1965," *Project Censored* noted. "Dismantling existing barriers to union organizing and collective bargaining is crucial to generating a more

prosperous, equitable economy," EPI concluded.

More than a quarter of 2022 union elections, 354, were held at Starbucks, Marick Masters explained in his January of 2023 article for *The Conversation*. "Workers at Starbucks prevailed in four out of every five elections. Workers at Chipotle, Trader Joe's and Apple unionized for the first time, while workers at Microsoft and Wells Fargo also had wins," *Project Censored* reported.

Union activity spikes during times of social unrest, Masters reported. Unionization rose from 7.6 percent to 19.2 percent from 1934 to 1939, during the Great Depression, and from 20 percent to 27 percent between 1941 and 1945, during World War II. "Masters described the current wave of union activity as driven by record levels of economic inequality and continued mobilization of workers in 'essential industries,' such as healthcare, food and public safety, who were thrust into harm's way during the global pandemic," *Project Censored* noted.

"Whereas Republican and Democratic politicians often separate concerns over working conditions and pay from issues of identity, these data demonstrate how

identity and workers' rights are closely connected," *Project Censored* added. "Unionization and labor struggles are direct mechanisms to better accomplish racial and social equality; the ability for people to afford to live happy and dignified lives is inherently tied to their ability to enjoy fundamental social and civil rights within those lives, too," Prem Thakker noted at the *New Republic*.

Despite these gains, "the power of organized labor is nowhere close to what it once was," *Project Censored* wrote. "As Masters pointed out, more than a third of workers were unionized in the 1950s, whereas only a 10th were in 2021. Before the 1980s, there were typically more than 5,000 union elections in any given year, and as recently as 1980, there were 200 major work stoppages [over 1,000 workers]," compared to just 20 in 2022, which was still 25 percent above the average over the past 16 years.

"Corporate media coverage of the labor resurgence of 2022 was highly selective and, in some ways, misleading," *Project Censored* reported. There've been hundreds of articles on union organizing at Starbucks and Amazon and among

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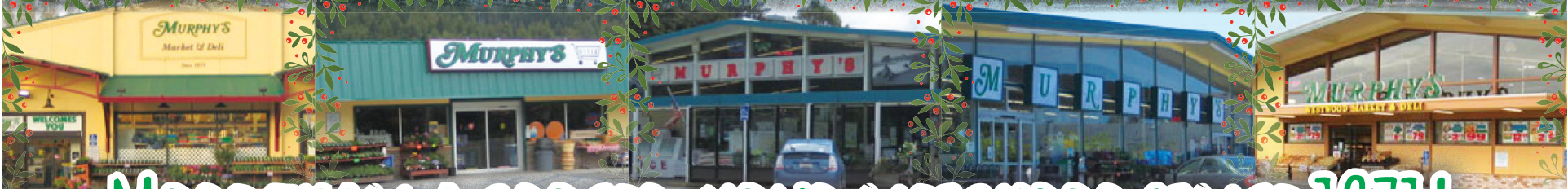
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graduate students, and “Yahoo republished Masters’s *The Conversation* article about union success in elections, and Vox, *Bloomberg Law*, and the *Washington Post* all remarked on organized labor’s recent string of certification vote victories,” they noted. “Yet corporate coverage of current labor organizing often fails to address the outsized role played by workers of color in union growth.” Nor has it placed recent union successes in the historical context of prolonged decline, largely due to private employers’ heavy-handed efforts to undermine organizing campaigns and labor laws that strongly favor employers.



Fossil Fuel Investors Sue Governments to Block Climate Regulations

“Litigation terrorism.” That’s what Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz called the practice of fossil fuel companies and investors suing governments in secretive private tribunals to thwart climate change policies. Litigants claim climate change laws undermine their profits, and thus they must be compensated under what’s known as “investor-state dispute settlement” [ISDS] legal actions, Rishika Pardikar reported for *The Lever* in June of 2022, following a paper in *Science* by lead author Kyla Tienhaara the month before. It found that “global action on climate change could generate upward of \$340 billion in legal claims from oil and gas investors,” which, “is more than the total level of public climate finance globally in 2020 (\$321 billion).”

A good portion threatens the global south. “The five countries with the greatest potential losses from ISDS are Mozambique (\$7 billion to \$31 billion), Guyana (\$5 billion to \$21 billion), Venezuela (\$3 billion to \$21 billion), Russia (\$2 billion to \$16 billion), and the United Kingdom (\$3 billion to \$14 billion),” Tienhaara reported. What’s more, “If countries decide to also cancel

oil and gas projects that are currently under development, this could introduce substantial additional financial losses from ISDS claims.”

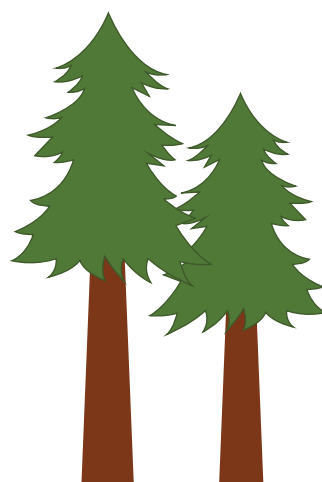
“Such [litigation] moves could have a chilling effect on countries’ ability to take climate action because of the fear and uncertainty they cause,” Pardikar noted. “New Zealand, for example, recently said that it could not join the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance, an international consortium of governments working to phase out fossil fuels, because doing so ‘would have run afoul of investor-state settlements,’” Lois Parshley reported for *Grist* in January.

Project Censored also cited Lea Di Salvatore’s December 2021 report that fossil fuel “investors succeeded in 72 percent of all cases,” winning an average of more than \$600 million, “almost five times the amount awarded in non-fossil fuel cases.” In addition, secrecy is the rule. “Fifty-four percent of the concluded fossil fuel cases are confidential — while their existence is known, no case-related documents, such as awards or decisions, have been made public.”

Although the tribunals may sound like courts, they aren’t. “Because ISDS systems are written into thousands of different treaties, each with different wording, there’s also no system of precedence,” Parshley wrote, after noting the practice of “double batting,” in which one individual may act as arbitrator, legal counsel, expert witness and tribunal secretary, either sequentially or even concurrently. Most come from “an elite group of approximately 50 arbitrators who are regularly appointed” to most cases, researcher Silvia Steininger told *Pardikar*. Conflicts of interest “are viewed as commonplace in international investment arbitration and considered an inherent part of the system,” the *Law Review* article Parshley references said. What’s more, “Just because arbitrators decide something in one case doesn’t mean that logic has to be applied to another. Proceedings can be kept confidential, and there is no way to appeal a tribunal’s decision,” Parshley noted.

Tienhaara’s paper ended with a section “An Abolitionist Approach,” where she warned, “Reformist approaches would be time-consuming and likely ineffectual, based on the experience of previous efforts.” Abolitionist examples include “terminating all bilateral investment treaties” in order to “prevent existing leaseholders from accessing ISDS,” as South Africa and others have done “without any resulting reductions in foreign investment.” Negotiating the “removal of ISDS clauses from trade agreements, as the United States did with Canada in the US-Mexico-Canada

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**Proximity to Oil and Gas
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“Two epidemiological studies, from 2021 and 2022, provide new evidence that living near oil and gas extraction sites is hazardous to human health,” *Project Censored* reports, “especially for pregnant mothers and children, as reported by Nick Cunningham for DeSmog and Tom Perkins for the *Guardian*.”

Based on 1996–2009 data for more

than 2.8 million pregnant women in Texas, researchers from Oregon State University (OSU) found that “for those pregnant women within 1 kilometer of drilling there’s about a 5 percent increase in odds of gestational hypertension, and 26 percent increase odds of eclampsia,” researcher Mary Willis told DeSmog. “So, it’s this really close range where we are seeing a potential impact right on women’s health.” Eclampsia is a rare but serious condition where high blood pressure results in seizures during pregnancy.

“Notably, the data in the OSU study predate the widespread development of ‘fracking,’ or hydraulic fracturing, the process of extracting gas and oil from shale beds by injecting fluids at high pressure,” *Project Censored* pointed out, going to note “previous coverage by *Project Censored*, including Rayne Madison et al., “Fracking Our Food Supply,” story No. 18, and Lyndsey Casey and Peter Phillips, “Pennsylvania Law Gags Doctors to Protect Big Oil’s ‘Proprietary Secrets,’” story No. 22, from 2012-2013; and Carolina de Mello et al., “Oil Industry Illegally Dumps Fracking Wastewater,” story No. 2 from 2014-2015.”

The second study, from Yale, did study fracking. It found that “Young children living near fracking wells at birth [less than 2 kilometers (approximately 1.2 miles)] are up to three times more likely to later develop leukemia,” according to an August 2022 *Guardian* story. “Hundreds of chemicals linked to cancer and other health issues may be used in the [fracking] process, including heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, benzene and radioactive material,” they explained. The study, based on 2009-2017 data from Pennsylvania, compared 405 children aged 2 to 7 diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia with an additional 2,080 children, matched on birth year, who didn’t have leukemia.

The findings aligned with others, as DeSmog discussed. “One consistent takeaway from so many health studies related to fracking is that proximity is key,” they reported. “The allowable setback in Pennsylvania, where our study was conducted, is 500 feet,” Yale researcher Cassandra Clark told them. “Our findings ... in conjunction with evidence from numerous other studies, suggest that existing setback distances are insufficiently protective of children’s health.”

State and local governments have tried to create health buffer zones, but “the oil industry has consistently fought hard to block setback distance requirements,” DeSmog reported. For example, “In 2018, the oil industry spent upwards

of \$40 million to defeat a Colorado ballot measure that would have imposed 2,500-foot setback requirements for drillers." Regulations are so weak that "in Texas, drilling sites can be as close as 45 meters from residences," Willis told them.

"Last year, California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced new proposed rules that would require 3,200-foot setbacks on new oil and gas drilling, which would be the strongest in the nation and aligns with the distance where Willis' studies find the most serious risks for pregnancies," DeSmog reported. "But those rules would not affect existing wells."

No major U.S. newspapers appear to have covered either the OSU or the Yale study at the time of *Project Censored's* publication, although "Smithsonian magazine, The Hill, and WHYY, an NPR affiliate serving the Philadelphia region, covered the fracking study."



Corporate Profits Hit Record High as Top 0.1 percent Earnings and Wall Street Bonuses Skyrocket

"Corporate profits in the U.S. surged to an all-time record of \$2 trillion in the second quarter of 2022 as companies continued jacking up prices, pushing inflation to a 40-year high to the detriment of workers and consumers," Jake Johnson reported for *Common Dreams* in August of 2022. "Astronomical corporate profits confirm what corporate executives have been telling us on earning calls over and over again: They're making a lot of money by charging people more, and they don't plan on bringing prices down anytime soon," the Groundwork Collaborative's chief economist, Rakeen Mabud, said.

This followed Johnson's reporting in March that the average bonus for Wall Street employees rose an astounding 1,743 percent between 1985 and 2021, according to an analysis by Inequality.org of New York State Comptroller data. Then, in December of 2022, he reported that "earnings inequality in the United States

has risen dramatically over the past four decades and continues to accelerate, with the top 0.1 percent seeing wage growth of 465 percent between 1979 and 2021 while the bottom 90 percent experienced just 29 percent growth during that same period," according to research by the Economic Policy Institute (EPI). As a result, the average incomes of the top 0.1 percent rose from 20 times that of the bottom 90 percent in 1979 to more than 90 times as much in 2021.

"The fossil fuel industry has enjoyed especially lavish profits," *Project Censored* notes, citing Jessica Corbett's July 2022 reporting for *Common Dreams* that the eight largest oil companies' profits spiked a whopping 235 percent from the second quarter of 2021 to the second quarter of 2022, for a combined \$52 billion profit, according to an analysis by Accountable.US. "Make no mistake; these profits mark a large transfer of wealth from working- and middle-class people to wealthy oil executives and shareholders," Jordan Schreiber of Accountable.US told Corbett. "While many consumers were feeling the heavy burden of a life necessity suddenly doubling in price, oil executives were keeping prices high to maximize their profits."

"ExxonMobil profited \$17.85 billion; Chevron, \$11.62 billion; and Shell, \$11.47 billion," *Project Censored* notes. "Notably, in 2021-2022, the oil and gas industry spent more than \$200 million lobbying Congress to oppose climate action."

Coverage of all this was scant. "The establishment media have reported intermittently on record corporate profits, but this coverage has tended to downplay corporate use of inflation as a pretext for hiking prices," *Project Censored* sums up, citing examples from *Bloomberg*, *ABC News* and *New York Times* where the role of greedflation was debated. "The *Times* quoted experts from EPI and Groundwork Collaborative but refused to draw any firm conclusions," they note.

"The EPI study on the accelerating incomes of the ultrarich was virtually ignored" while the massive Wall Street bonuses got some coverage, they continue. "Reuters ran a story on it, as did the *New York Post*. CNN Business noted that 'high bonuses are also good news for Gotham's tax coffers.'"

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Birding Facts and Myths

By Sarah Hobart

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Once you get hooked on birding, you might be surprised to discover it's not just about birds. You've studied the field guides. You've listened to so many bird song recordings you chirp in your sleep. Now you're thinking about taking your obsession, er, hobby to the next level.

Perhaps, while you've been watching birds, you've also been observing other birders (who often flock together during fall and spring migrations), hoping to pick up a few tips. What does it take to become an "elite" birder? Top-rated gear? The proper clothing? Access to the latest technology? A trust fund?

If becoming a better birder is your goal, you'll need to sift through the abundance of misinformation out there the same way you'd search through 400 or so marbled godwits hoping to find a single bar-tailed. But rest assured that a pragmatic approach will separate the facts from the myths so that you, too, can live your best birding life.

You need to identify every bird correctly. Hahaha — oh, you were serious? This is a myth. Even the experts don't get it right every time. Imperfection is OK in birding — it's a learning experience. And you'll never find a kinder group of folks. I recently flubbed an ID on a public forum and everyone was laughing with me. I think.

You need the best gear. This is also a myth. You don't need anything more than a decent pair of binoculars, and there are plenty of good quality, affordable bins out there. What you want is another matter entirely. If, at some point, you wake up in a cold sweat after dreaming of top-of-the-line Swarovskis and a maxed-out credit card, you're, well, normal.

You need to learn the lingo. This is true. Birding has a language all its own. It's helpful to know how to "pish," what a "mega" is, what it means to "dip," or if it's good or bad to "dip on a mega." (It's bad, believe me.) If you were going to Paris, you'd brush up on your French, right? Case in point.

You need to be able to identify other birders. This is a myth. Most birders can't identify each other by name. For instance, I addressed a fellow birder as Jim for almost a year before I found out his name was Dave. Face it, by the time you've mastered the field marks of the 500-plus species that hang out in Humboldt County — not to mention the handful that occasionally drop in and cause a stir — there's very little space left in your brain for less important things, like filing your taxes or getting a name right.

Because this is such a widespread issue among birders, an acceptable workaround is to say, "Hey, didn't we meet at the Nel-

A Celebrity at the Marsh

The purple gallinule flashes its brilliant plumage and “candy corn” beak at the Arcata Marsh.

Photo by Sarah Hobart



Birders and nonbirders alike have been wowed by the continuing presence of a purple gallinule at the Arcata Marsh, a long way from its usual home in the much warmer southeastern U.S. It's a gasp-out-loud stunner of a bird with brilliant purple, blue and green plumage, plus bright yellow legs, long toes and a “candy corn” bill. The gallinule showed up at the marsh the day after Thanksgiving and has been a star attraction ever since, bringing folks from all over the Pacific Northwest to Arcata. Who knows? The gallinule may have taken a liking to the reedy habitat and diet of snails and small frogs. So if you have a chance, wander over to the marsh and take a look at this unforgettable visitor.

son's sparrow stakeout last year?” Or you can accurately identify their dog.

You need to take photos. Another myth. While it's true that birding and photography go together like peanut butter and downy woodpeckers, it's not necessary to photograph the birds you see to maximize your birding enjoyment.

But there's no question it can add a fun and artistic element to the experience. Now, you may notice that some birders have pretty impressive equipment. But just as certain birds display bright colors and elaborate aerial displays — well, you get my drift. A lightweight camera with a built-in zoom might be perfect for you if you don't like to lug around a lot of gear and just want a keepsake photo of that calliope hummingbird you waited two hours to see. In the rain.

You need a decent pair of boots. Undeniably true. Studies have shown that the best birding spots involve standing in cow shit.

You need to know your flora. This is a myth. If you bird with others, you will, at some point, find yourself in the stressful position of having to quickly and accurately describe the location of a bird relative to its surroundings. A lot of birders are well-rooted in plant taxonomy and will speak fluently of *ceanothus*, *hydrocotyle* and *ribes*. But you can get the job done just as effectively using simple descriptive terms. For example, I now characterize all flora as “green stuff” or “brown stuff.” (True, at a recent stakeout for a vagrant blue grosbeak I did have to add “purple stuff,” but those were exceptional circumstances.)

You need to know your non-bird sounds, too. This is actually true, to prevent

the embarrassment that may ensue when you contact the local bird expert with a recording of a suspected blue-gray gnatcatcher that proves to be, in fact, a chipmunk. Not that I ever did that. Same goes for sounds made by car back-up alarms, tree frogs and automatic watering systems.

You need a big life list. This is a myth. Not everything in life is a competition and birding, at its heart, is a simple activity. You just have to love and care about birds. That alone makes you an elite birder, no matter what your numbers are. By the way, mine are up this year.

You need a smartphone and birding apps. A qualified “true.” Technology has found its way into birding to the point where it's almost indispensable. There are apps for identification and for reporting rare birds in real time, GPS links that pinpoint a bird's exact location and online checklists viewable by other birders. “Chasing” a rarity has become the norm.

But it doesn't have to be that way. Perhaps you remember a simpler time when finding a cool bird meant listening to the local rare bird hotline or checking the clipboard of recent sightings that used to hang inside the door at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. Birding was and is an escape from the frenetic pace of a rapidly spinning world, a connection to the innate joy of being in nature, a pastime that brings us back to a stress-free place of inner peace and quiet contemplation ... hang on, that was my phone.

A purple gallinule at the Arcata Marsh? Gotta go! ●

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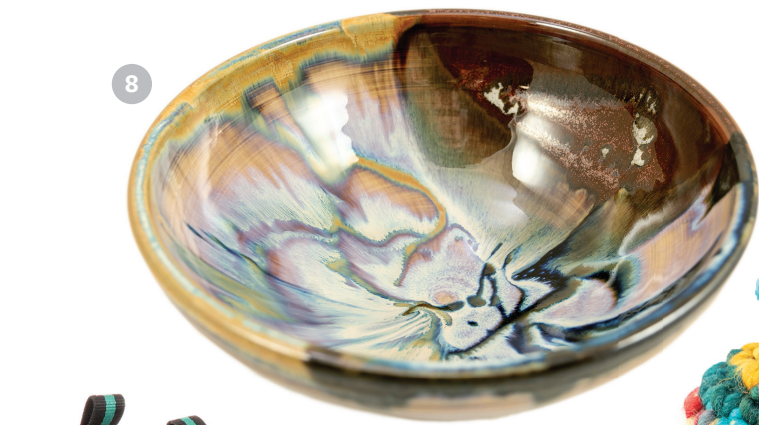
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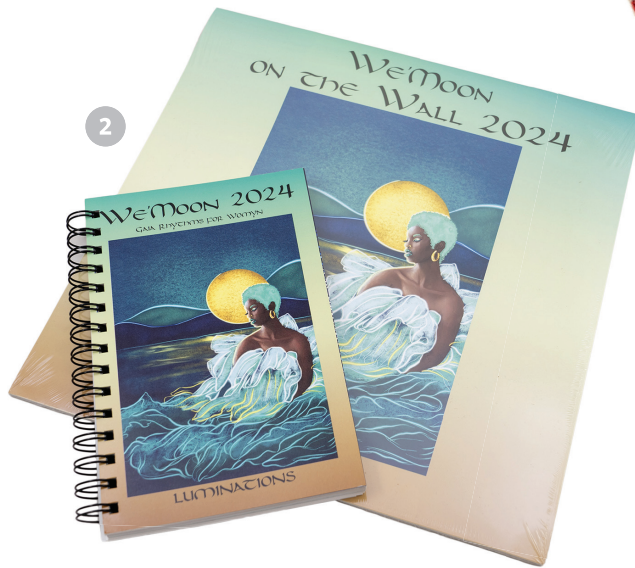
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We Need to Stop AI Before it Replaces Tech CEOs Like Me

By Jennifer Fumiko Cahill

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Let me start by saying nobody is a bigger believer in technology and innovation than I am. But just like you, average person, I sometimes sit in my aqua-bubble fallout shelter at the bottom of the ocean and wonder if we've gone too far.

After watching the first 12 minutes of *I Robot*, I invested heavily in AI technology. It was thrilling stuff: seeing the first frustratingly circular customer service texts break someone's will, watching a program scrape millennia worth of art images from the internet and spit out a digital painting that looked like it belonged on a van in 1977. When we created the first AI musician, making her look like a hot teen was my idea. I was there when the first chatbot wrote a new speech in the voice of Abraham Lincoln, but, like, gay. Heady stuff imagining what we could create once we jettison the human artists, musicians and writers. But then I pondered what the world might lose if I were replaced by AI.

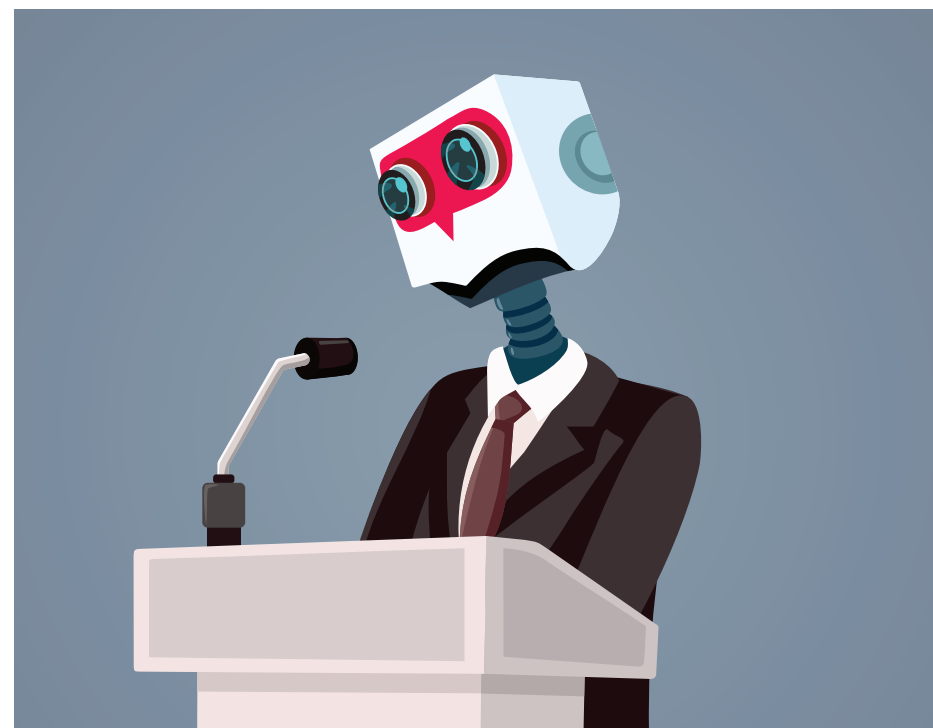
When factory robotics first took off, everyone worried about workers losing jobs. But with AI, even CEOs and owners are in danger. An assembly line of robots can make a Ford, but now that we've fed AI from the darkest corners of 8chan, couldn't it also match Henry Ford's virulent antisem-

itism? Would an artificially intelligent entity deploy police and hired thugs to beat and fire upon striking auto workers as Ford did? We can hope but we can't be sure.

AI cannot be trusted to make the kinds of calls a tech CEO handles. Black turtle-neck? Ribbed black turtle-neck? How many timed bathroom breaks for warehouse employees?

There's an intellectual freedom a tech CEO with little to no oversight has that can't be replicated. AI is capable of reinforcement learning, whereas, if you look at my social media feed and my personal and professional track records, I clearly am not. In my genius neural network, new ideas are completely divorced from past experience or expert input. And with zero capacity for self-reflection, I'm equally surprised every time a business partner, girlfriend, advertiser or offspring unit stops speaking to me. And that makes me dangerous. But in a cool way, not like self-driving cars.

When asked a question outside their training, AI programs sometimes give false answers with a tone of complete confidence, similar to my takes on world politics or women. Except with AI, these are called "hallucinations." Please. I have actual stock market-rocking hallucinations, like when I was on diet of 100 grams of hydroponic



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lichens a day and instructed my rocket guys to pivot to drilling into the Earth's core to find my underworld doppelganger.

AI might be able to analyze the entire global market in seconds and fully comprehend what my coders and engineers are doing at all times, but that's not leadership or camaraderie; that doesn't build a workplace culture. It takes a man like me to look another man in the eyes and ask if I've fired him yet, or to ask a woman by the copier what her IQ is and if she'll gestate my baby. An AI-driven robot will never do more than mimic the lifelike facial expressions a professional likeability coach has helped me master. Look at my incredulous eyebrows lifting a full centimeter at the very suggestion.

Sure, generative AI can recognize and mimic certain patterns, like layoffs and factory closures after a new crop of hair plugs go in, but it's not the same. Because when it comes time to hastily throw together a prestige biopic, you won't be able to attribute an AI tech mogul's

tantrums to sociopathy or the lonely little boy inside. It'll just be ones and zeroes that cranked out all that chaos. That's not the future I've been getting transfusions of young people's blood for, to say nothing of the spare organs I've been growing in an underground lab.

I'm still deploying facial recognition software to read the micro-expressions of warehouse employees to see if they are having negative thoughts about me. But we've got to draw a line before AI takes my spot. Do you really want a soulless AI entity mining your personal data and enabling genocide on the other side of the planet when you could have a soulless middle aged human man handle that? You don't have to answer — the software can tell by your face. ●

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Silent Nights

By Collin Yeo

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It's no secret that our nightlife, bountiful as it may be for an area as remote as Humboldt County, ebbs and flows. Especially this time of year, when the holidays and the schools more or less dictate the terms regarding the potential audience numbers needed to lure bands, promoters and venues into production mode. That's not to say there aren't any gigs, there's a decent little diverse collection of various genres and performances this week, it's just a little quieter than normal. I have been going out a bit more, sometimes to listen to something live, sometimes in a professional capacity running live sound. Always in the periphery and not fully socially engaged, but that's just the way it goes sometimes. Like I said, ebbs and flows. A more humanely structured society would recognize the natural rhythms and seasonal hibernations of its citizens and shift accordingly, allowing everyone to hunker down and come to terms with their coming winter while using what energy we have under the sun for more collective social goods, rather than the endless gnawing competition of the blind idiot demiurge of market capitalism. I remember a good Christmas ghost story from my childhood with more or less the same message getting hammered into the brain of a cruel miser by the damnation-chained shade of his former partner along with the help of some greater temporal spirits. Unfortunately, rather than reordering society from the ground-zero country of capitalism outwards, the monstrous blind idiot of the market just found a way to adapt the tale into several financially successful iterations. You can catch one of the more whimsical versions in Sunday's entry. Don't blame the artist or the stories, that's about the best we can hope art will achieve, some sort of inner change and feeling for the viewer, rather than a mass movement. It's too downstream of the material world for other results. This might not be a permanent placement — William Blake always gives me hope otherwise — but it's where we are at now.

Enjoy your week.

Thursday

Jeff Landen, singer, guitarist, and songwriter known locally as a member of the



Brat plays the Savage Henry Comedy Club at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. Photo courtesy of the artists

Bayou Swamis, returns to the Logger Bar tonight at 7 p.m. for a free solo set. Expect a lively mix of covers and originals all sung and played quite well.

Friday

There's a big metal show tonight at 7 p.m. at Savage Henry Comedy Club. Los Angeles powerviolence band **ACxDC** has had a large touring schedule lately and are headlining one with New Orleans newcomers **Brat**, whose style of punk and metal comes with a pink glam patina. On the undercard are local heroes **Malicious Algorithm** and **Gooseneck**. This all-ages show comes with a \$10-\$20 sliding scale door price and, as always, you need a valid I.D. to drink alcohol.

Saturday

There are two DJ-curated dance shows happening tonight and both cover a lot of ground, sound-wise, so you can have your pick.

At 7 p.m., it's the final time the Logger Bar will be hosting the Red Room, a dark-wave and post punk dance party provided by DJs **Zero One**, **Datura** and **Kreepoo**. This over-21 goth-friendly event is free at the door.

Two hours later at the Miniplex, it's Disco Night, with an emphasis on a suggested

dress code of pajamas and underwear. Presided over by resident drag king **Mr. Gino**, the DJs for the evening are **Pandemonium Jones** and **Dacin**. Along with a free coat check, Los Giles will be selling food. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with a limited run at \$5 available online.

Sunday

The **McKinleyville Community Choir** is presenting the second of three holiday concerts today at 3 p.m. at the Arcata Presbyterian Church (the other concerts are booked elsewhere). Come enjoy the magic of multiple voices spreading good cheer for free, with donations optional if you're feeling the spirit.

Speaking of feeling the spirit, England's most enduring seasonal ghost story gets the felt and feather (and Michael Caine) cast treatment in 1992's **The Muppet Christmas Carol**, which is showing this evening at 5 p.m. at the Arcata Theatre Lounge. \$8 for admission, \$12 if you want a poster that is (usually) designed by a local artist.

Monday

I can't say that I know much about comedian **Pete Nelson**, other than I have been seeing his name around town quite a bit hosting a variety of open mics and comedy shows. Tonight's gig at the Crisp

Lounge is a multimedia affair called Pete's Projecting Again. If that piques your interest, show up at 7 p.m. with \$5 in hand for the door.

Tuesday

Once again, you have the opportunity to enjoy the jazz stylings of the **Opera Alley Cats** at one of the group's weekly gigs. This one is at the SpeakEasy at 7 p.m., no door cover, so be sure to bring some cash to tip the band and bartender.

Wednesday

A lot of shows shuffle or evaporate this time of year to make way for the build-up to Christmas and New Year's Eve. This is a normal order of operations, and one planned for by our merchant and venue-owning class. However, you can still have fun on the town if you know where to look. The town in tonight's scenario is Blue Lake, and the fun is least 50 percent your responsibility to generate. I am, of course, talking about **karaoke** night at the Logger Bar, a free event that starts at 8 p.m. Free means at the door, it's still considered polite to tip your bartenders and KJ. ●

Collin Yeo (he/him) isn't feeling it this year. He lives in Arcata.




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ARCATA THEATRE LOUNGE 1036 G St., Arcata (707) 822-1220		RJMrLA (rap) 9 p.m. \$25	Noche de Verano Sin Ti (DJs) 9 p.m. \$20	<i>The Muppet Christmas Carol</i> (1992), 5-8 p.m. \$8, \$12	[W] Sci-Fi Night: <i>The Shining</i> (1980), 6-9 p.m. \$5, \$9
THE BASEMENT 780 Seventh St., Arcata (707) 845-2309	The Alley Cats (jazz) 8-11 p.m. Free	Ghost Train (R&B, funk, soul) 9 p.m. \$5	Matt Wilson's Christmas Tree-O (jazz) 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. \$20, \$15 student/senior		
BEAR RIVER CASINO RESORT 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta (707) 733-9644		Monthly Stand-Up Comedy Night, Wyatt Cote and Jason Allen King 8-9:30 p.m. Free. Thirsty Bear: Hispanic! at the Disco (Latin mix) 9 p.m. Free.	Thirsty Bear: Under the Influence (covers) 9 p.m. Free	Thirsty Bear: Karaoke 9 p.m. Free	[W] Thirsty Bear: Boot N Beers (country music/line dancing lessons) 7-9 p.m. Free
BLONDIES FOOD AND DRINK 420 E. California Ave., Arcata (707) 822-3453	Blondies Open Mic 6 p.m. Free		Gnarwhal Jrz, A.K.A., Fact Of Matter (desert surf rock and blues) 7 p.m. \$5	Legendary Jazz Jam 6 p.m. Free	[W] Figure Drawing, 6-8:30 p.m. \$5
BLUE LAKE CASINO WAVE LOUNGE 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake (707) 668-9770	DJ Statik 9 p.m. Free		NightHawk (country rock) 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free		[T] Trivia Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.
CENTRAL STATION SPORTS BAR 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville (707) 839-2013		Karaoke with Rock Star 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Free	Triple Junction (rock, blues) 9 p.m. Free		[M] Pool Tournament 6 p.m. [W] Karaoke with Rock Star 8 p.m.-midnight Free
CHER-AE HEIGHTS CASINO FIREWATER LOUNGE 27 Scenic Drive, Trinidad (707) 677-3611		Piet Damolen (guitar, rock, soul) 8 p.m. Free	Triple Tones (country, rock, blues) 8 p.m. Free		[T] Karaoke 8 p.m. Free
CRISP LOUNGE 2029 Broadway, Eureka, (707) 798-1934	Up In Joke! Comedy Open Mic 8 p.m. Free				[M] Pete's Projecting Again! (comedy/variety) 7-9 p.m. \$5 [W] Kara-Smokey! 7 p.m. Free [T] Humboldt Comedy Open Mic 7 p.m. Free
EUREKA VETERANS MEMORIAL HALL 1018 H St. (707) 443-5341					
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GYPPO ALE MILL 1661 Upper Pacific Drive, Shelter Cove (707) 986-7700			Brian Sykes (classic rock +) 6-8 p.m. Free		
HUMBOLDT BREWS 856 10th St., Arcata (707) 826-2739	Reel Genius Trivia 6pm	BLVK H3RO (reggae) 10 p.m. \$20, \$23			
THE JAM 915 H St., Arcata (707) 822-4766	Hip Hop Thursdays (DJ) 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Free				[M] Karaoke 9 p.m. Free, [W] Weds Night Ting (DJs)
THE LOGGER BAR 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	Jeff Landen 7 p.m.	Anna Hamilton Trio 8:30 p.m.	Red Room 8 p.m.		[W] Karaoke 8 p.m.
MINIPEX 401 I St., Arcata (707) 630-5000	Winter Masquerade Karaoke Ball 8:30 p.m. Free	Silence in the Snow, Petiole, DJ Satanica (dark wave) 9 p.m. \$10	Disco Night: PJs & Underwear Edition 9 p.m. \$10	Karaoke 8:30 p.m. two-drink minimum	[W] Lounge Lux Nights 6-11 p.m.
NORTHTOWN COFFEE 1603 G St., Arcata (707) 633-6187					[T] Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic, 6-9 p.m. Free
PAPA WHEELIES 1584 Reasor Road, McKinleyville (707) 630-5084			Live Music w/The Relatives 6-9 p.m. Free		
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University Singers and Humboldt Chorale perform “Music of the Americas” on Saturday Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at Fulkerson Recital Hall.

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ROCKSLIDE BAR & GRILL 5371 State Route 299, Hawkins Bar	Jimi Jeff Jam Nite (Hendrix, Prince, funk, blues) 7:30 p.m. Free				
SAVAGE HENRY COMEDY CLUB 415 Fifth St., Eureka (707) 845-8864	Drink & Draw 6 p.m. Free; Double Trouble 9-11 p.m. \$10	The Latest Show, 9-11 p.m. \$5	An Evening with Josh Barnes 9 p.m. \$10	Comedy Church 1-3 p.m. Free, Stand-up Comedy Workshop 7-8 p.m. Free, Open Mic 9 p.m. Free	[W] Open Mikey 9-11 p.m. Free
SCOTIA LODGE 100 Main St. (707) 764-5338	Trivia Night 6-8 p.m. Free	Karaoke 7-10 p.m. Free			
SIREN'S SONG TAVERN 325 Second St., Eureka (707) 442-8778			Single Mingle 7 p.m. \$15	Deadhead Jamdown w/Dan Murphy, all ages 3-7 p.m. Free	[T] Siren's Sessions Open Jam 8 p.m. Free [W] Wicked Wednesday Comedy 8 p.m. Free
SPEAKEASY 411 Opera Alley, Eureka (707) 444-2244		Friday Night Jazz 8-10 p.m. Free	Jenni and David and the Sweet Soul Band (soul, funk) 7 p.m. Free		[T] Tuesday Night Jazz 7-10 p.m. Free
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The party animals will be at the **Humboldt County Animal Shelter's annual fundraiser for its Emergency Medical Fund** on **Saturday, Dec. 9**, from **noon to 4 p.m.** at the shelter in McKinleyville. The online silent auction, refreshments and raffle tickets available at the shelter or at the event help pay for emergency care for stray pets. And if you're looking to take someone home, there will be adoptable cats and dogs ready to meet you.



The Muppet Christmas Carol

It's time to revisit the classics, like Dickens. With Muppets. On **Sunday, Dec. 10**, at **6 p.m.**, the **Arcata Theatre Lounge** shows *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (\$8, \$12 with poster). It's got Michael Caine as Scrooge, Kermit the frog as Bob Cratchit and Miss Piggy in period costumes. Show up at 5 p.m. for retro video games, themed cocktails and pre-show fun. Then sit back and watch a stingy 1-percenter get bullied by ghosts.



Santa at Trinidad Pier. Submitted

Immerse yourself in the warmth of small-town charm at the 10th annual. **Holidays in Trinidad**, happening **Sunday, Dec. 10**, in downtown Trinidad (free admission, donations welcome). This second weekend of the seaside celebration features a **crafts fair at Trinidad School** from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** with food, vendors and student, hand-made products, and an **indie crafts fair at Trinidad Town Hall** from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** (\$2 entry fee benefits Friends of the Trinidad Library). After the sun dips down, line up for **Santa's Boat Parade**, which begins at Trinidad Harbor at **6 p.m.**, and makes its way through town, featuring lively music by Bandonium and The Marching Lumberjacks. Word is best viewing is near Town Hall.

7 Thursday

ART

Signs of Passage: Nostalgia and New Beginnings. Reese Bullen Gallery, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Exhibit by Dave Young Kim running through Dec. 9. Opening reception Nov. 16, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. art.humboldt.edu/galleries.

Dry Felting Workshop - Owls & Songbirds. 5-8 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods' Sea Goat Farmstand, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Visiting artist Corbin Bashear shares techniques of needle felting to create 3-D sculptures or ornaments in the Maker's Space. No experience is necessary, adults and children 9 and up welcome. \$45. seagoatmakerspace@gmail.com. seagoatfarmstand.com/makersspace. (707) 382-2427.

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. With a live model. Bring your own art supplies. Call to contact Clint. \$5. synopsisperformance.com. (707) 362-9392.

Nov/Dec Art Show. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. Photographs by Dana Utman.

MOVIES

Waitress: The Musical - Eureka Premiere. 6-9 p.m. Broadway Cinema, 1223 Broadway, Eureka. The premiere screening of Waitress: The Musical, starring Sara Bareilles. Red carpet, photographer and pie. Signed poster giveaways from Ramones, Slice of Humboldt Pie and Cherry Blossom Bakery. \$12. visiteureka.com/new_event/waitress-the-musical-premiere-screening/.

EVENTS

Christmas Celebration. 5-7:30 p.m. McKinleyville Shopping Center, Central Avenue. Kick off the holiday season with Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck (at 5:30 p.m.) to light a giant tree, free crafts and treats for the kids, free horse-drawn carriage rides and more. Free. mscevents707@gmail.com.

Osprey Magazine's 50th Anniversary Celebration. 4-6 p.m. Goodwin Forum, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Cele-

brate 50 years of magazine magic with a photo booth, KRFH DJs, Osprey trivia, catered food and refreshments. In Nelson Hall, room 102. Free. jmc70@humboldt.edu. (707) 826-4775.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Bayside Holiday Market. 12-7 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Fourth annual event with 30 local makers. Different guest artists each weekend. Free. amysalmostperfect@gmail.com. facebook.com/events. (707) 593-6544.

Tuba Christmas McKinleyville. 5 p.m. McKinleyville Shopping Center, Central Avenue. More holiday music, plus Santa Claus comes to town on a fire truck (at 5:30 p.m.), free crafts and treats for the kids, free horse-drawn carriage rides and Santa lighting a giant Christmas tree on the front lawn.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. Wilderness immersion program for teens and adults. Explore trails and share mindfulness practices, group conversation and other eco-therapeutic activities. Adults meet Thursdays, teens meet one Saturday a month. Transportation provided for Eureka residents. Please pre-register. Free. swood2@eureka.gov. eureka-heroes.org. (707) 382-5338.

ETC

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents classes focused on strength and mobility (Tuesday), and on relaxation and breath work (Thursday). Contact instructor Ann Constantino for online orientation. \$3-\$5 donation per class, no one is turned away for lack of funds. annconstantino@gmail.com. sohumhealth.org. (707) 923-3921.

8 Friday

ART

Signs of Passage: Nostalgia and New Beginnings. Reese Bullen Gallery, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See Dec. 7 listing.

Arts! Arcata. Second Friday of every month, 4-8 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Businesses all across Arcata stay open late with music, art on display, live art and more. gloria@arcatachamber.com. arcatachamber.com. (707) 897-6004.

BOOKS

Weekly Preschool Story Time. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers. Other family members are welcome to join in the fun. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humlib.org. (707) 269-1910.

THEATER

Finding Nemo Jr. 6 p.m. College of the Redwoods Theatre, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka. All Star Theatre Arts presents a kids' play. \$15.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. 8 p.m. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. The beloved American holiday classic about idealistic George Bailey on Christmas Eve told as an on-stage radio broadcast. \$20, \$18 students and seniors. ncrt.net.

The Little Match Girl: A Warm Tale on a Cold Night. 7:30 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Playhouse Arts' 17th annual holiday show based on the Hans Christian Andersen story with comedy, music, masks, puppets and a twist (95 minutes, 15-minute intermission). \$12, \$40 family of four plus. info@arcataplayhouse.org. playhousearts.org/events/the-little-match-girl-a-warm-tale-on-a-cold-night/. (707) 822-1575.

Peter and the Starcatcher. 7:30 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. A tale of marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, and the bonds of friendship, duty and love. \$18, \$16 students/seniors. info@ferndalerep.org. app.arts-people.com/index.php?actions=7&p=1. (707) 786-5483.

EVENTS

Peaceful Rally for Gaza Ceasefire. 4-6 p.m. Humboldt County Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka. Weekly vigil, rally and march for a ceasefire in Gaza until there's a ceasefire. Bring a sign. Free.

FOR KIDS

Kid's Night at the Museum. 5:30-8 p.m. Redwood Discovery Museum, 612 G St., Eureka. Drop off your 3.5-12 year old for interactive exhibits, science experiments, crafts and games, exploring the planetarium, playing in the water table or jumping into the soft blocks. \$17-\$20. info@discovery-museum.org. discovery-museum.org/classesprograms.html. (707) 443-9694.

Weekly Preschool Storytime. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in the children's room. For children 2 to 6 years old with their caregivers and other family members. Free. manthony@co.humboldt.ca.us. humboldt.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=8274. (707) 269-1910.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Help with animal care, weeding, watering, planting and occasional harvest help on Saturday mornings. Volunteers get free produce. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Al Gray Lighted Parade. 4:30-8 p.m. Fortuna Main Street and Downtown, Main Street. Staging for entries at 4:30 p.m., awards and Santa at 5:30 p.m. at 1122 Main St. Parade at 6 p.m. from Main and 12th streets to Fortuna Boulevard and back, turning at Hot Brew. Vendors, gift wrappers and a downtown open house from 5 to 8 p.m. Free. mdodson@ci.fortuna.ca.us. friendlyfortuna.com. (707) 725-9261.

Bayside Holiday Market. 12-7 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. See Dec. 7 listing.

Downtown Holiday Open House. 5-8 p.m. Fortuna Main Street and Downtown, Main Street. A holiday atmosphere downtown with treats, photos with Santa, roaming Christmas characters, store sales and specials. Plus, the Al Gray Lighted Tractor parade at 6:30 p.m.

North Coast Dance's The Nutcracker. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. North Coast Dance returns with the annual holiday tradition of The Nutcracker at the Arkley Center. northcoastdance.org.

MEETINGS

Language Exchange Meetup. Second Friday of every month, 5-7 p.m. Familia Coffee, 1350 Ninth St., Arcata. Speak your native language. Teach someone a language. Learn a language. familiacoffees.com/. (925) 214-8099.

SPORTS

Public Skate. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. Located in the Fireman's Pavilion. \$5.50 includes skate rental, \$3.50 ages 5 and older, \$2 non-skaters, free non-skating adult (with skating child).

ETC

Intro to Candle Making. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Coffee Break Cafe, 700 Bayside Road, Arcata. Hosted by a local candle maker, of Clay on Herbs, Nic Martin will teach how to pour candles and make pillar candles. Free. coffeebreak-arcata.com/. (707) 825-6685.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. SoHum Health presents online classes with short, high intensity cardio workouts. Contact instructor Stephanie Finch by email for a link to the class. Free. sfinch40@gmail.com. sohumhealth.com.

9 Saturday

ART

Signs of Passage: Nostalgia and New Beginnings. Reese Bullen Gallery, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See Dec. 7 listing.

Fire Arts Center Holiday Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fire Arts Center, 520 South G St., Arcata. Weekends until Dec. 24, browse pottery, mugs, bowls, vases, fused glass platters, plates and more by local artists. fireartsarcata.com.

Paulina Astete Granados Retrospective. 3-10 p.m. AXÉ Gallery and Event Space, 665 Redwood Drive, Redway. From Chile to Hollywood to Bali to Garberville showcases the painter's work from 1988-2024. With food, drinks and performances by DJ STONE, Nikki Lokks live streaming, Lovely Tita and her Flute, Brazilian drums. After hours dance celebration. \$5, \$10 donation. Paulinitagemini@gmail.com. (707) 683-6357.

Second Saturday Family Arts Day. 2-4 p.m. Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Create wax paintings upstairs in the Rotunda with assistance and guidance from art educator Genevieve Kjesbu. All materials supplied. Free. humboldtarts.org.

MUSIC

Music of the Americas. 8 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. University Singers and Humboldt Chorale, led by Rachel Samet, featuring 120 voices and chamber orchestra, perform Mass by Afro-Brazilian composer José Maurício Nunes Garcia and more. \$10, \$5 children and seniors, free for CPH students with ID. centerarts.humboldt.edu. (707) 826-3566.

University Singers and Humboldt Chorale - Music of the Americas. 8-10 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. University Singers and Humboldt Chorale, led by conductor Rachel Samet, in two concerts featuring 120 voices and chamber orchestra performing compositions by José Maurício Nunes Garcia and more. \$10, \$5 kids/seniors, free Humboldt students with ID. mus@humboldt.edu. music.humboldt.edu/upcoming. (707) 826-3566.

THEATER

Finding Nemo Jr. 6 p.m. College of the Redwoods Theatre, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka. See Dec. 8 listing.

It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. 8 p.m. North Coast Repertory Theatre, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. See Dec. 8 listing.

The Little Match Girl: A Warm Tale on a Cold Night. 7:30 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. See Dec. 8 listing.

Peter and the Starcatcher. 2 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Dec. 8 listing.

Something Different Variety Show. 5 & 8 p.m. EXIT Theatre, 890 G St., Arcata. Benefit for the 2024 Humboldt Juggling Festival featuring Dell'Arte International graduates, members of the Humboldt Circus, puppets, music, magic and juggling. Two shows. \$10.

EVENTS

Blackout Youth Dance Party. 7-10 p.m. McKinleyville Teen & Community Center, 1705 Gwin Road. HCBMAA celebrates its fourth anniversary and the HYC Youth Council hosts a dance party for youth 12-18. Dress as your favorite Black celebrity. Cash prizes and gift certificates for best costume style, hair flair, talent and couple. \$5. mckinleyvillecsd.com.

Humboldt County Animal Shelter's Annual Emergency Medical Fundraiser. 12-4 p.m. Humboldt County Animal Shelter, 980 Lycoming Ave., McKinleyville. Raising funds for emergency medical needs of local stray animals. Online silent auction, refreshments, raffle tickets available at shelter or at event. Adoptable cats on display and dogs on parade. Free admission. flar.betterworld.org/. (707) 840-9132.

FOR KIDS

Field Trip Adventure: A Science and Math Journey for Kids. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Eureka Library, 1313 Third St. Preview of the new KEET-TV kids' show, hands-on experiments and activities, meet the local cast, featuring teachers from McKinleyville and Sunny Brae middle schools. Register

ahead. Free. kwhiteside@keet-tv.org. KEET.org/events. (707) 497-5137.

Kid's Free Movie. 1:30-4 p.m. Fortuna Firemen's Pavilion, 9 Park St. Register children ages 5-12 at 1:30 p.m. to enjoy **The Polar Express (2004)** at 2 p.m. indoors while guardians shop Fortuna for the holidays. Tickets at Fortuna Grocery Outlet, Bob's Footlongs and Wyckoff's Plumbing. Free. (707) 725-9261.

FOOD

Fair Curve Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fair Curve Farm Stand, 600 Main St., Ferndale. Seasonal, certified organic vegetables and flowers from Fair Curve Farm, plus local eggs, bread and more from local Eel River Valley producers. Cash, card and EBT accepted. faircurvefarm@gmail.com. faircurvefarm.com. faircurvefarm.com.

Farm Stand. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Table Bluff Farm, 101 Clough Road, Loleta. Regeneratively-grown seasonal veggies, flowers, meats and other items made by Humboldt County locals and small businesses. Cash, card, Venmo, Apple Pay and soon to accept EBT payments. info@tableblufffarm.com. TableBluffFarm.com. (707) 890-6699.

Sea Goat Farmstand. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Fresh veggies grown on site, local eggs and sourdough bread. Work from local artists and artisans. flowerstone333@gmail.com. (530) 205-5882.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Dec. 8 listing.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Craft Market. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. Browse unique handcrafted items from more than 55 artisans. Live music, local food and holiday cheer. Benefits the Arcata Recreation Youth Development. \$1 donation.

Bayside Holiday Market. 12-7 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. See Dec. 7 listing.

Children's Holiday Gift Making Workshop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. United Methodist Church of the Joyful Healer, 1944 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Children make low-cost holiday gifts as an alternative to shopping. umc-joyfulhealer.org. (707) 839-5691.

Dazey's Winter Lumberland. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dazey's Building Center, 690 Thomas Drive, Garberville. Humboldt Tree Nug Farms food truck serves Christmas dinners from noon, photos with Santa from 2 to 4 p.m., a kid's scavenger hunt for prizes in the store. Music by DJ Stone and volunteers from South Fork High. Free. cash@dazeys.com. facebook.com/events/332260852879251/?ref=newsfeed. (707) 923-2781.

Kid's Gingerbread House Decorating Party. 1-2:30 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods' Sea Goat Farmstand, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. Parents are encouraged to stay and help decorate pre-assembled houses and enjoy complementary tea and coffee. This is an outside (covered) workshop so please dress warmly. \$30 per decorator. seagoatmakerspace@gmail.com. seagoatfarmstand.com/makersspace. (707) 382-2427.

Loleta Holiday Market. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Loleta Fireman's Pavilion, Old Loleta Road. More than 70 vendors with food by Cook's BBQ and other locals. Proceeds to benefit Loleta Volunteer Fire Department. Donation. facebook.com/events/697595668479222.

Loleta Holiday Open House. 5-7 p.m. Blue Coach Antiques, 362 Main Street, Loleta. Santa comes to Loleta on a fire truck. Enjoy holiday fare and give Santa your wish list. Visit the newly opened Jersey Scoops for locally made

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North Coast Dance's *The Nutcracker*. Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. See Dec. 8 listing.

Santa Claus in Ferndale. 10:30 a.m. Ferndale Main Street, Ferndale. St. Nick and his jolly elf bring bags of goodies for youngsters on Main Street.

Trucker's Christmas Parade. 6 p.m. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Line the streets of Eureka for the spectacle of huge trucks adorned in holiday lights. Free. rexandfriendstruckersparade.com/.

Winter Arts Faire. 10 a.m. Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway. The 46th annual family event features more than 50 artisan booths, musical entertainment and children's activities, including a visit from Santa. mateel.org.

Winter Wonderland Boutique. 12-7 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. Holiday shopping, cheer, festive cocktails and finger foods. Cocktail hour and Early bird shopping for members Dec. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. Free. lelehnia@clarkemuseum.org. clarkemuseum.org/winterwonderland.html. (707) 443-1947.

MEETINGS

Woodturners Meeting. Second Saturday of every month, 1-3 p.m. Almquist Lumber Company, 5301 Boyd Road, Arcata. Beginning and experienced turners exchange ideas, instruction and techniques. Themed project demo, show-and-tell opportunities and Q&A. Free. redcoastturners@gmail.com. (707) 633-8147.

OUTDOORS

Dune Restoration Volunteer Day. Second Saturday of every month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane, Manila. Restore the biodiversity of the coastal dunes with the team. Snacks and tools provided. Meet at the center a few minutes before 10 a.m. Free. info@friendsofthedunes.org. friendsofthedunes.org. (707) 444-1397.

Habitat Improvement Team Volunteer Workday. Second Saturday of every month, 9 a.m.-noon. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Help restore habitat by removing invasive, non-native plants and maintaining native plant areas. Wear long pants, long sleeves and closed-toe shoes. Bring drinking water. Tools, gloves and snack provided. denise_seeger@fws.gov. fws.gov/refuge/humboldt-bay. (707) 733-5406.

SPORTS

Public Skate. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Fortuna Skating Rink, Rohner Park. See Dec. 8 listing.

ETC

David Josiah Lawson Winter Supply Distribution. 3-5 p.m. Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Join Charmaine Lawson and

the J4J Committee for the sixth annual sharing of warm winter coats, gloves, hats, socks and more in honor of David Josiah Lawson. Free. gofund.me/cb8e60ad.

10 Sunday

ART

Fire Arts Center Holiday Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fire Arts Center, 520 South G St., Arcata. See Dec. 9 listing.

MOVIES

The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992). 5-8 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 5 p.m., movie at 6 p.m. Rated PG. 1hr. 25min. All Ages. Charles Dickens' classic tale improved by Muppets. Themed cocktails, retro-video games and a curated pre-show. \$8, \$12 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/events/359550473130208/. (707) 613-3030.

MUSIC

Haunting Holiday - River Lodge Concert. 4:45 p.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. The Partnership in Music Orchestra (PMO) is a combined orchestra of All Seasons Orchestra and Cal Poly Humboldt Symphony. Part of the Fortuna Christmas Music Festival. Free.

Messiah Sing-Along. 3-4:30 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1428 H St., Eureka. Sing or listen as the audience forms the chorus and soloists Annika Backstrom (soprano), David Powell (tenor) and Carl McGahan (bass) sing the arias and recitatives from Part I of Handel's "Messiah." Directed by David Powell, and accompanied by Merry Phillips, organist. Followed by "Hallelujah Chorus." Bring scores if you have them; some available to borrow. christchurcheureka@gmail.com. (707) 442-1797.

Music of the Americas. 2 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See Dec. 9 listing.

University Singers and Humboldt Chorale - Music of the Americas. 2-4 p.m. Fulkerson Recital Hall, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. See Dec. 9 listing.

THEATER

Finding Nemo Jr. 2 p.m. College of the Redwoods Theatre, 7351 Tompkins Hill Road, Eureka. See Dec. 8 listing.

The Little Match Girl: A Warm Tale on a Cold Night. 2 p.m. Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. See Dec. 8 listing.

Peter and the Starcatcher. 2 p.m. Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St. See Dec. 8 listing.

EVENTS

Holiday Artisan Fair. 1-6 p.m. The Bigfoot Taproom, 1750 Central Ave., McKinleyville. Two Sundays with different local artisans indoors. Ages 21 and over. thebigfoottaproom@gmail.com. thebigfoottaproom.com. (707) 630-4057.

Redwood Acres Flea Market. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Redwood Acres Fairgrounds, 3750 Harris St., Eureka. Featuring antique furniture, records, vintage toys and games, crafts, jewelry, artwork, vintage clothing, books, comics and more. \$3, free for ages 12 and under. redwoodacres.com.

FOOD

Food Not Bombs. 4 p.m. Arcata Plaza, Ninth and G streets. Free, hot food for everyone. Mostly vegan and organic and always delicious. Free.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holidays in Trinidad. Trinidad, Downtown. Tenth annual celebration sponsored by the Trinidad Civic Club features lighthouse tours, a holiday boutique and craft fair, catering by Rabia's International Delights, music by McKinleyville Community Choir and karaoke with Santa. Continues Dec. 10 with Santa's Boat Parade. Schedule online. Donations welcome. tcc@trinidadcivicclub.org. trinidadcivicclub.org. (707) 677-3655.

Holiday Craft Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. See Dec. 9 listing.

Bayside Holiday Market. 12-4 p.m. Bayside Community Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. See Dec. 7 listing.

Fortuna Christmas Music Festival. 3-5:30 p.m. Fortuna River Lodge, 1800 Riverwalk Drive. Holiday music by the Scotia Band at 3 p.m., Tuba Christmas at 3:45 p.m., College of the Redwoods at 4:15 p.m., Partnership in Music Orchestra at 4:45 p.m. and Festival Finale at 5:30 p.m. Free. mdooson@ci.fortuna.ca.us. visitredwoods.com/event/fortuna-christmas-music-festival/3715/. (707) 725-9261.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fortuna Junior Academy, 1200 Ross Hill Road. Handcrafted Christmas ornaments, gifts and decor with an emphasis on natural, repurposed and locally made items. Homemade goodies, some made with produce grown at the school.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fortuna Ace Hardware and Garden Center, 140 So. Fortuna Blvd. Purchase handcrafted Christmas ornaments, gifts and decor with an emphasis on natural, repurposed, unique and locally made items at Fortuna Junior Academy's Agriculture Education Program's annual fundraiser. Homemade goodies also for sale, with items made with produce grown at the school.

Loleta Holiday Market. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Loleta Fireman's Pavilion, Old Loleta Road. See Dec. 9 listing.

McKinleyville Community Choir Holiday Concert. 3 p.m. Arcata Presbyterian Church, 670 11th St. Listen to the voices of 50+ members singing modern and traditional holiday favorites. Holiday treats will be available. Free, donations accepted.

North Coast Dance's *The Nutcracker*. Arkley Center for

the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. See Dec. 8 listing.

Photos with Santa at Kreation's. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Kreation's Auto Body, 280 12th St., Fortuna. Come get a photo and enjoy a sweet treat. Bring a toy, gift card or donation of \$15 more to be entered to win \$500 toward a full detail or any service. Free.

Trinidad's Holiday Indie Craft Fair. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. Fundraiser for the Friends of the Trinidad Branch Library with art, jewelry and gifts. Libations available for purchase. Also Trinidad School craft fair and sook sale across the street. \$2. esstorres@yahoo.com. facebook.com/events/s/trinidad-holiday-indie-craft-f/306188395557314/. (707) 677-0227.

Winter Arts Faire. 10 a.m. Mateel Community Center, 59 Rusk Lane, Redway. See Dec. 9 listing.

Winter Wonderland Boutique. 12-7 p.m. Clarke Historical Museum, Third and E streets, Eureka. See Dec. 9 listing.

OUTDOORS

Humboldt Bay NWR Guided Field Trip. Second Sunday of every month, 9-11 a.m. Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, 1020 Ranch Road, Loleta. Meet leader Ralph Bucher at the visitor center for this 2-mile walk along a wide, flat trail that is packed gravel and easily accessible. Email to sign up. Free. thebook@reninet.com. rras.org.

SPORTS

Drop-In Sundays Pickleball and Badminton. 12-2 p.m. West Gym, Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata. Every Sunday fall semester. Rackets and balls provided, but you can bring your own. \$2, free for CPH students. pww2@humboldt.edu. recsports.humboldt.edu/drop-in-recreation. (707) 826-6011.

11 Monday

ETC

Homesharing Info Session. 9:30-10 a.m. and 1-1:30 p.m. This informational Zoom session will go over the steps and safeguards of Area 1 Agency on Aging's matching process and the different types of homeshare partnerships. Email for the link. Free. homeshare@alaa.org. alaa.org/homesharing. (707) 442-3763.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 8 listing.

12 Tuesday

ART

Tacos and Art Night at the Sanctuary. 6-9 p.m. The

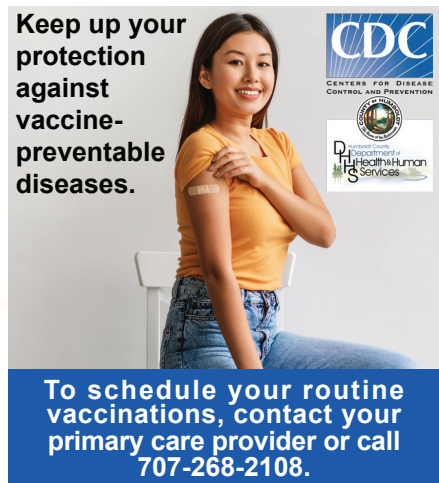


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LECTURE

Humboldt-ERFSA Fall Presentations. 11:30 a.m. Baywood Golf & Country Club, 3600 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata. Humboldt-ERFSA luncheon with speakers. Free. jmf2@humboldt.edu. baywoodgcc.com. (707) 387-7091.

SPOKEN WORD

Word Humboldt Spoken Word Open Mic. 6-9 p.m. Northtown Coffee, 1603 G St., Arcata. Sign up list goes up at 6 p.m., and the open mic kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Two rounds of open mic poetry and a featured poet. Everyone is welcome, especially new performers. LGBTQ+ friendly. Free. instagram.com/wordhum.

MEETINGS

Humboldt Cribbage Club Tournament. 6:15-9 p.m. Moose Lodge, 4328 Campton Road, Eureka. Weekly six-game cribbage tournament for experienced players. Inexperienced players may watch, learn and play on the side. Moose dinner available at 5:30 p.m. \$3-\$8. 31for14@gmail.com. (707) 599-4605.

ETC

Disability Peer Advocate Group. Second Tuesday of every month, 3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. Peer advocates supporting each other and furthering the disability cause. Email for the Zoom link. alissa@tilinet.org.

English Express: An English Language Class for Adults. Virtual World, Online. Build English language confidence in ongoing online and in-person classes. All levels and first languages welcome. Join anytime. Pre-registration not required. Free. englishexpressempowered.com. (707) 443-5021.

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 7 listing.

13 Wednesday

ART

Figure Drawing. 6-8:30 p.m. Blondies Food And Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata. Practice your artistic skills. \$5. blondiesfoodanddrink.com.

LECTURE

Native Plant Show-and-Tell. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata. Join the California Native Plant Society for a lecture with wide-ranging wildflower pictures by Don Hollander, Gail Kenny, Tony LaBanca, Mary Ann Machi and Paul Wilson. northcoastcnps.org/.

Redwood Genealogical Society Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Locha's Mexican Restaurant, 751 S Fortuna Blvd., Fortuna. Launi McCombs presents those who helped form the genealogy societies in Fortuna and Humboldt County, the Redwood Genealogical Society and resource library, and more. The optional lunch is two tacos, chips and beverage. \$15 lunch includes tax. bcdave@aol.com. redwoodresearcher.com. (707) 682-6836.

MOVIES

Sci-Fi Night: The Shining (1980). 6-9 p.m. Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Pre-show at 6 p.m. Raffle 7 p.m. Feature 7:05 p.m. Rated R. 2hrs. 26min. All Ages. Stanley Kubrick's adaptation of Stephen King. Themed cocktails, retro-video games and a curated pre-show. Admission includes a raffle ticket for cool, strange prizes. \$5, \$9 w/poster. info@arcatatheatre.com. facebook.com/

events/346704028010884/. (707) 613-3030.

GARDEN

Sea Goat Farm Garden Volunteer Opportunities. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Abbey of the Redwoods, 1450 Hiller Road, McKinleyville. See Dec. 8 listing.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Christmas Home Tour and Tea. 1-9 p.m. Fortuna Monday Club, 610 Main St. The Fortuna Garden Club's 51st annual tour, "Fortuna's Christmas of Reindeer," including the Lowe, Zuegar, Nielsen and Zuegar homes. \$20, free for kids under 5.

Santa's Workshop. 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. Humboldt County Granges, Kiwanis and the PTSA of South Bay/Pine Hill School District present a Santa's Workshop event for the youth of Pine Hill School, Loleta School and Peninsula School. 501.humboldt.grange@gmail.com. fb.me/e/lu2qGaPXy. (707) 442-4890 ext. 2.

ETC

Pints for Non-Profits: Black Humboldt. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Redwood Curtain Brewery & Tasting Room, 550 South G St., #4, Arcata. One dollar per beer sold during business hours will benefit the organization. DJ set from 6 to 9 p.m. Free. blackhumboldt.com/about.

Tabata. 5:30-6:30 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 8 listing.

14 Thursday

ART

Figure Drawing at Synopsis. 7-9 p.m. Synopsis Collective, 1675 Union St., Eureka. See Dec. 7 listing.

Nov/Dec Art Show. Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary Interpretive Center, 569 S. G St. See Dec. 7 listing.

MOVIES

Holiday Movie Night. 5:30 p.m. Gene Lucas Community Center, 3300 Newburg Ave., Fortuna. Popcorn, snacks and drinks for purchase. Chairs available, please bring your own blankets, pillow, seats, etc. Call or see posters for the movie title. Free. glccenter.org. (707) 725-3300.

MUSIC

Cozy Classics: Wind Energy with Jill Petricca. 6 p.m. The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata. Songs, carols and spirituals with Jill Petricca flute, Michael Kibbe on oboe, Paul Cummings on clarinet, Aaron Lopez on bassoon and Anwyn Halliday on horn. Vegetarian soup and salad by chef Nick Furrow at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall. Reservations required. \$20-\$50. together@sanctuaryarcata.org. sanctuaryarcata.org.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Holiday Artisan Market. 4-7 p.m. Herb & Market Humboldt, 427 H St., Arcata. Last artisan market of the year with holiday gifts by Adore and Joy, Stephen's Candles, Amy J Designs, Kookie Connect, Earth's Sweet Flora and other local artisans. Free. Herbandmarket@gmail.com. fb.me/e/40Byj2G4r. (707) 630-4221.

Santa's Workshop. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Humboldt Grange Hall, 5845 Humboldt Hill Road, Eureka. See Dec. 13 listing.

OUTDOORS

Nature Quest. 2-5 p.m. Eureka Municipal Auditorium, 1120 F St. See Dec. 7 listing.

ETC

Restorative Movement. 10:30-11:30 a.m. & 2-3 p.m. Virtual World, Online. See Dec. 7 listing.

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A Dream Within a Nightmare

May December and *Dream Scenario*

By John J. Bennett

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In an era of lamentation, one that might have been defined by the extinction of boldness in American movies, we may instead have arrived at a moment of renewal. It would be specious to attribute this welcome, certainly unexpected shift to any one artist or studio or streaming service, but it is noteworthy that the movement has formed in the disparate but like-minded efforts of industry players, old and new. To call an exercise in pure commerce “grass roots” does a disservice to person-to-person activism but the business of cinema in 2023 feels like a reclamation of half-forgotten modes. In the possible ice age of the Marvel era, new growth abounds, with dinosaurs and upstarts alike treading a newly verdant landscape. The future will likely subvert my probably naive optimism but, for once, I’ll try to sit with it.

MAY DECEMBER is a forward-thinking revisiting of past events, a domestic drama recast as a thriller that never promises a grand conclusion. Directed by Todd Haynes (*Velvet Goldmine*, 1998; *Carol*, 2015), one of the great American stylists and a crafty synthesizer of sarcasm and sincerity, it takes as its jumping-off point a lightly fictionalized, ripped-from-the-headlines scandal of a quarter-century ago, wherein Mary Kay Letourneau, a woman in her 30s, had what the media then called a “sexual affair with” (read: raped) a 12-year-old-boy and was imprisoned as a result. They had children together, one of whom was born while her mother was in prison, and went on to marry, eventually separating shortly before her death.

In the movie’s version of events, as scripted by Samy Burch and Alex Mechanik, Gracie (Julianne Moore) and Joe (Charles Melton) are still, ostensibly, happily married and preparing to celebrate their twins’ graduation from high school. Their older daughter is returning from college to join in the festivities, which will be observed and attended by Elizabeth (Natalie Portman), a prominent television actress preparing to play Gracie in a purported independent cinematic adaptation. The family is justifiably skeptical and a little defensive about Eliza-

beth’s presence, but welcome her nonetheless. As Elizabeth’s long weekend in their company progresses, her questions and actorly investigations tease out inconsistencies, insecurities and ever-more ambiguous motivations.

As Haynes is wont to do, *May December* neither promises nor delivers tidiness nor convenience in the resolution of its narrative. Instead, the movie revels in the discomfiture of emotionality and motivational obscurity, with its little revelations opening more onto further questions than greater clarity. It is an examination of obfuscation, approached from a number of angles, none of which afford a clear view because, well, people lie.

The ensemble here is among the best of the year, with Moore giving an alternately raw-nerved and tightly composed performance as a person clinging to her version of control. Portman, entering as a foil and then engaging in her own immersive version of manipulation, presents Elizabeth as both investigator and usurper of the lives before her. And Melton’s Joe, sweet and genuine, not quite dumb but not quite smart, maybe on the verge of realizing something about his own strange story, is a man whose adult life is unwittingly defined by victimhood.

As in any Haynes movie, the photography is gorgeous, here evoking the receding steam of an oncoming Savannah autumn. Complemented by blaring segments of Michel LeGrand’s score from *The Go-Between* (1970), the cinematography and editing evoke the feeling of a murder mystery within a distorted tale of ersatz domestic bliss. It feels experimental and familiar at once, a quasi-traditional approach to a stranger-than story that is very much of our time. And like something we would be unlikely to have the privilege of seeing, if not for the aegis of an 800-pound gorilla like Netflix, a juggernaut that, for its faults, is still willing to invest in something like this. R. 113M. NETFLIX.

DREAM SCENARIO. And from A24 — perhaps the anti-Netflix but now something of a comrade in arms — comes another refreshing example of intra-genre exploration,

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My inner critic taking notes for later.
May December

this time a satire about self-image and fame in the digital world. Written, directed and edited by relative newcomer Kristoffer Borgli, *Dream Scenario* stars Nicolas Cage (in one of the great, self-effacing performances of his career) as Paul Matthews, a schlubby, insecure, tenured professor of evolutionary biology. For no known reason, he begins appearing in the dreams of thousands (millions?) of people around the world. His presence there is largely defined by ineffectuality, with a few notable exceptions. Still, the phenomenon is enough to garner Paul the attention of a cutting-edge new advertising firm, represented by insufferable, disingenuous, supercilious executives Trent (Michael Cera) and Mary (Kate Berlant).

As Paul attempts to parlay his notoriety into a publishing deal, his dream-self takes on an unsettlingly different aspect; fame becomes infamy and he has even less idea what to do about it.

Cutting and sweet, *Dream Scenario* combines cultural criticism with magical realism, while also providing an ideal playground for Cage to explore a new and exciting corridor of his formidable skillset. R. 102M. BROADWAY. ●

John J. Bennett (he/him) is a movie nerd who loves a good car chase.

NOW PLAYING

THE BOY AND THE HERON. Hayao Miyazaki animated adventure about a boy who travels beyond the veil to see his mother. PG13. 125M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

DIE HARD (1988). Celebrate the season at Nakatomi Plaza. R. 132M. BROADWAY.

GODZILLA MINUS 1. The kaiju origin story goes back to its roots in postwar Japan. In Japanese. PG13. 125M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE HOLDOVERS. Paul Giamatti plays a curmudgeonly teacher stuck with a miserable student (Dominic Sessa) over holiday break. R. 133M. MINOR.

THE HUNGER GAMES: THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES. Prequel to the dystopian juggernaut series. PG13. 157M.

BROADWAY, MILL CREEK, MINOR.

LOVE, ACTUALLY (2003). Peak Bill Nighy. R. 135M. BROADWAY.

THE MARVELS. Brie Larsen reprises her superheroine role to save the universe with a pair of newly powered-up young women (Teyonah Parris, Iman Vellani). PG13. 105M. BROADWAY.

NAPOLEON. Joaquin Phoenix stars in director Ridley Scott's epic historical drama. R. 158M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

THE OATH. Somebody was bound to make a Book of Mormon action drama. Starring Darin Scott and Billy Zane. PG13. 104M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

OPPENHEIMER. Christopher Nolan's biopic about theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, the "father of the atomic bomb." Starring Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon and Robert Downey Jr. R. 180M. BROADWAY.

RENAISSANCE: A FILM BY BEYONCÉ. On tour with the Queen B. NR. 168M. BROADWAY, MINOR.

SALTBURN. A charismatic aristocrat (Jacob Elordi) takes an awkward Oxford classmate (Barry Keoghan) home to his estate for a decadent summer in this comedy-thriller. R. 127M. MILL CREEK.

THE SHIFT. A man (Kristoffer Polaha) scrambles through the multiverse to return to his wife (Elizabeth Tabish). PG13. 115M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

SILENT NIGHT. Director John Woo's holiday revenge actioner starring a voiceless Joel Kinnaman. R. 104M. BROADWAY.

TROLLS BAND TOGETHER. Animated musical sequel with a boy band plot and wow, good luck, accompanying parents and guardians. PG. 91M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

WISH. Animated adventure about a young girl and the star she wishes upon. Voiced by Ariana DeBose, Chris Pine and Alan Tudyk. PG. 92M. BROADWAY, MILL CREEK.

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NCJ FIELD NOTES

Putin Moments

By Barry Evans

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A year ago, lying in bed at 3 a.m., I had what I think of as my “Putin Moment”: I couldn’t remember the name of the Russian president. Not that I’m a hypochondriac but I asked my physician the next time I saw her if she thought this might be the start of cognitive decline, along with all those scary words: disorientation, dementia, Alzheimer’s. She laughed, reassuring me that a temporary memory loss was to be expected at my age (81). “You’d probably have known in your 60s and 70s if you were getting dementia,” she said.

Well, OK, that was great to hear, but things are changing. I’m slower at doing the *New York Times* daily crossword (although I usually finish, as long as a critical clue isn’t about sports or Taylor Swift); I frequently lose track of what I’m reading and have to go back a paragraph or two; and names! I even forget what the word is when you regularly forget a name when meeting a friend. (It’s prosopagnosia, aka “face blindness.”)

Depending on what you read, there’s good news and bad news for someone like me. The bad news, as reported in the 2023 June/July *Discover* magazine, is that the most popular methods to improve one’s mind, i.e. online apps, are mostly useless for general purposes. For instance, Lumosity, one of the leading players in the \$10 billion “brain training” industry, has been around since 2007 with more than 100 million users worldwide. Their program consists of some 50 “brain training” modules that claim to offer “statistically significant improvements” for a variety of cognitive tasks. When the Federal Trade Commission challenged the claim, the company ended up settling deceptive advertising charges for \$2 million for lack of hard evidence.

The problem, apparently, is that whatever ability an app claims to help improve — matching cards, arranging tiles, recognizing patterns and the like — rarely carries over into the real world. Brain training may be fun but it’s not the same as learning to function better in one’s day-to-day life. This “far transfer” problem, as it’s called, has been known for a long time. For instance, in 1906, psychologist



My muse Mnemosyne, ancient Greek goddess of memory, as painted by Dante Gabriel Rossetti (1828-1882).

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Edward Thorndike showed that volunteers could be trained to estimate the areas of rectangles, but that this skill didn’t transfer to the estimating the areas of triangles.

Meanwhile, the good news, as reported by two researchers in October’s *Scientific American*, is that we oldsters may be able to recover our long-lost youthful abilities to perform mental tasks. They enrolled two dozen people ages 58 to 86 and, in weekly face-to-face lessons, had them learn new skills, such as Spanish, drawing, photography and iPad use. “The participants’ scores for memory and flexibility improved significantly,” the authors write, to the point where their cognitive abilities matched those of adults 50 years younger. They add, “Decline, as we so often see it, may not be inevitable.” (A sample of 24 is barely significant but it’s a good start and worthy of future research.)

I suspect the different conclusions in these two articles may come down to: What’s useful in real life? If I can learn how to keep track of names by noting them in my iPhone or asking Siri, “Who’s the President of Russia?” rather than agonizing over it, or trust Google maps to get me from point A to point B, I’m probably good for another 150,000 miles or 15 years.

Whichever comes first. ●

Barry Evans (he/him, barryevans9@yahoo.com) has forgotten the witty byline he came up with.

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ACROSS

1. Athlete's cold spell

6. Place for experimentation

9. DKNY's Donna

14. Patty Hearst alias

15. "The Simpsons" character whose last name is Nahasapeemepetilon

16. Wear away

17. Grads, now

18. Tell (on)

19. Most of 1999

20. Game show in which contestants guess correct answers such as albacore and yellowfin?

23. Longtime New Yorker magazine cartoonist Chast

24. Like some martinis

25. "The Simpsons" character whose last name is Szyslak

28. Competition show

in which a Scrabble player gets the Q, the Z and both blanks?

33. "Just my luck!"

34. Post-WWII alliance

35. ____ Spumante (Italian sparkling wine)

36. Stevenson of 1950s politics

37. Tina Fey was its first female head writer, in brief

38. Galileo, by birth

39. French for "milk"

40. Org. based in the Orville Wright Federal Building

41. "There in a sec!"

42. Teen drama about an American high schooler in London who takes the elevator and corrects herself when she calls it an "elevator"?

45. Concorde, e.g.: Abbr.

46. Work of fiction?

47. Ctrl-Alt- ____

48. Pilot's opposite ... or a three-word hint to what's changed in 20-, 28- and 42-Across

54. "Fast X" actor Jason

57. ____ Kwon Do

58. Cole Porter's "Ev'ry Time ____ Goodbye"

59. Flighty?

60. Class for some U.S. citizenship applicants

61. Greek salad ingredient

62. Bags for flour

63. Abril, por ejemplo

64. Org. that monitors LGBTQ representation

DOWN

1. Superfan, in modern lingo

2. "____ Land" (2016 movie)

3. E pluribus ____

4. Wordless performer

5. Deli choice

6. National Council of ____ (Latino civil rights organization that changed its name to UnidosUS)

7. Give ____ on the back

8. Booty call?

9. Big name in smooth jazz

10. Opera singer's audition piece, perhaps

11. Hollywood's Howard

12. Citrus drink suffix

13. Duck Hunt console

21. Catcher's spot, in baseball

22. Hot drink dispensers

25. Cluster of mountains

26. One-eighth of a circle

27. Squeezing (out)

28. ____ special (menu heading)

29. New Age physician

30. Muse of lyric poetry

31. Categorized by

district

32. Maguire's "Spider-Man" director

33. Fortunetellers might read them

37. Something intended to move fast

38. Tadpole

40. Carnival

41. Alphabet quartet

43. Swabs, say

44. Cars named after Henry Ford's son

48. Enjoy a bath

49. Lighten (up)

50. Carter of "Gimme a Break!"

51. Most populous continent

52. Kind of lamp or cake

53. Scrutinized

54. ____ o menos (Spanish 101 phrase)

55. Egg cells

56. Karaoke need, for short

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS TO DESTINATION WEDDING

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The following spaces are located at 180 F Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Coleen Walton, Space #6106

The following spaces are located at 940 G Street Arcata CA, County of Humboldt and will be sold immediately following the sale of the above units.

Rio Merrick-Kamm, Space #6304

Items to be sold include, but are not limited to: Household furniture, office equipment, household appliances, exercise equipment, TVs, VCR, microwave, bikes, books, misc. tools, misc. camping equipment, misc. stereo equip. misc. yard tools, misc. sports equipment, misc. kids toys, misc. fishing gear, misc. computer components, and misc. boxes and bags contents unknown.

Anyone interested in attending Rainbow Self Storage auctions must pre-qualify. For details call 707-443-1451.

Purchases must be paid for at the time of the sale in cash only. All pre-qualified Bidders must sign in at 4055 Broadway Eureka CA. prior to 9:00 A.M. on the day of the auction, no exceptions. All purchased items are sold as is, where is and must be removed at time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation for any reason whatsoever.

Auctioneer: Nicole Pettit, Employee for Rainbow Self-Storage, 707-443-1451, Bond # 40083246.

12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-423)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On June 13th, 2023, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office seized property for forfeiture from Triple K Place in Fortuna, California, in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11359 of the Health and Safety Code of California. The seized property is described as: \$73,760.00 in U.S. Currency. Control Number 23-F-10 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

If your claim is not timely filed, the Humboldt County District Attorney will declare the property described in this notice to be forfeited to the State and it will be disposed of as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 11489.

12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-425)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On November 29th, 2023, Deputies from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11359 of the Health and Safety Code of California from APNs 032-221-004-000 and 032-221-005-000 in Garberville, California. The seized property is described as: \$21,000.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-21 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

If your claim is not timely filed, the Humboldt County District Attorney will declare the property described in this notice to be forfeited to the State and it will be disposed of as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 11489.

12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-424)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On July 31st, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11378 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Hannah Court in Fortuna, California. The seized property is described as: \$4,347.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-12 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

If your claim is not timely filed, the Humboldt County District Attorney will declare the property described in this notice to be forfeited to the State and it will be disposed of as provided in Health and Safety Code Section 11489.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-411)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On August 11th, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11351 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Sonoma Street in Eureka, California. The seized property is described as: \$3,742.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-14 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-413)

LEGALS?
442-1400 x314

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On August 6th, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11351 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Samoa, California. The seized property is described as: \$9,400.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-15 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-414)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On August 15th, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11351 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Hwy 101 @ Piercy, California. The seized property is described as: \$4,356.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-16 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-415)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On July 11th, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11351 of the Health and Safety Code of California from P Street in Fortuna, California. The seized property is described as: \$7,755.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-13 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-412)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On November 6th, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11351 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Quail Valley Road in Eureka, California. The seized property is described as: \$27,681.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-20 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-419)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE

On October 4th, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11378 of the Health and Safety Code of California from I Street in Eureka, California. The seized property is

described as: \$4,500.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-18 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.

12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-417)

LEGALS?
442-1400 x314

CITY OF RIO DELL
675 WILDWOOD AVENUE
RIO DELL, CA 95562

CEQA NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EEL RIVER TRAIL PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15072 and Public Resources Code Section 21092, the City of Rio Dell is providing notice of intent to adopt a mitigated negative declaration (MND) of environmental impact for the Eel River Trail Project as described here. The public is invited to comment on the proposed MND pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The review period is 30 days and commences on November 13, 2023, and ends on December 13, 2023. Written comments must be submitted to the City no later than 5:00 pm on December 13, 2023. The Initial Study and proposed MND document is available for review during regular business hours at City Hall located at 675 Wildwood Avenue in Rio Dell, California. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15072(g)(5), no known hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites exist within the project area.

The project would construct approximately 1,600 feet of Class I shared use path (pedestrian, bicycle) with associated trailhead improvements. The project would provide a safe walking and biking route from Edwards Drive to Davis Street over the current informal social trails within the project area. The trail would be an asphalt-concrete paved Class I shared use path.

For further information, or to request a copy of the Initial Study and proposed MND, please contact Kyle Knopp, City of Rio Dell at 707-764-3532, or email at knoppk@cityofriodell.ca.gov. The City plans to consider adoption of the MND at a regularly scheduled meeting likely in or after January 2023.

LEGALS? 442-1400 x314



NOTICE OF CITY COMMISSION VACANCIES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council is accepting applications for membership on the Historical Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, and the Measure E Oversight Committee for terms ending December 31, 2023.

To qualify for membership on any Council appointed board, commission or committee, a person must be 18 year of age or older and a registered elector of the City OR be the owner of a business located within the city limits. However, in no event shall less than a majority of any board or commission be made up of qualified registered electors of the city.

The vacancies available as of January 1, 2024 are:

Park Commission: 2 Seats (3 year term)
Measure E Oversight Committee: 1 Seat (4 year term)
Planning Commission: 2 Regular Seats (4 year term)
Planning Commission: 1 Alternate Seat (2 year term)

The Park Commission was created to serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council, City Manager, Public Works/Parks and Recreation Director and the City staff in all matters pertaining to public Parks and Recreation.

The Measure E Oversight Committee's purpose is to assist the City Council in taking public input and review staff recommendations on the expenditure of funds derived from the local sales tax imposed pursuant to Measure E.

The Planning Commission is responsible for advising the City Council on environmental matters and the development of the City

City Commission application forms can be obtained at City Hall or on the City website www.friendlyfortuna.com. Applications for current Commission and Committee vacancies will be accepted until vacancies have been filled.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Chambers, Deputy City Clerk, 707-725-7600

SUBMITTED BY:
Ashley Chambers, Deputy City Clerk
achambers@ci.fortuna.ca.us
(707) 725-1411

12-07-2023

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF RIO DELL 675 WILDWOOD AVENUE RIO DELL, CALIFORNIA 95562

Notice is hereby given that separate sealed bids for the award of contract for the construction of **Rio Dell Dog Park** will be received by the City of Rio Dell at the office of the City Clerk until **3:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Savings Time, December 29, 2023** and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The major work consists of the construction of a new Dog Park, including earthwork, concrete walkways, chain-link fencing, parking lot asphalt pavement, drainage improvements, and other park amenities construction.

The time for completion shall be thirty (60) working days. There is an additional sixty (60) calendar days for establishment and maintenance of vegetation growth.

The Contract Documents, in their entirety, can be viewed and/or obtained from the City of Rio Dell website at www.cityofriodell.ca.gov or at the following locations:

Humboldt Builders Exchange (www.humbx.com)

North Coast Builders Exchange (<https://ncbeonline.com/>)

Shasta Builders Exchange (<https://www.shastabe.com/>)

A payment bond prepared and executed in accordance with California Civil Code Section 3247 and a bond for faithful performance of the contract will be required of the successful bidder who is awarded the contract.

The successful bidder must comply with the latest general prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of Industrial Relations, State of California, Department of Industrial Relations and is to be paid to the various craftsmen and laborers required to construct said improvements and is made a part of the specifications and contract for said work to which reference is hereby made for further particulars.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal or awarded a contract for public work on a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Contractor registration information can be found at:

<http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html>

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE
On September 25th, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with

controlled substance violations, to wit, Section 11378 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Janes Road in Arcata, California. The seized property is described as: \$11,105.29 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-19 has been

assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.
12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-418)

PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND NON-JUDICIAL FORFEITURE
On October 3rd, 2023, Agents from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force seized property for forfeiture in connection with controlled

substance violations, to wit, Section 11378 of the Health and Safety Code of California from Rebecca Lane in Fortuna, California. The seized property is described as: \$22,296.00 in US currency and Control Number 23-F-17 has been assigned to this case. Use this number to identify the property in any correspondence with the Office of the Humboldt County District Attorney.
12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-416)

The business is conducted by an Individual.
The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct.
A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
/s/ Mark D. Engstrom, Owner/Operator
This November 17, 2023
JUAN P. CERVANTES
by sg, Humboldt County Clerk
11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-404)

KNEELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
PROJECT TITLE: ON-CALL CONSULTING SERVICES
Release Date: Monday, November 27, 2023
Qualification Deadline: Friday, December 8, 2023, 4:00 PM
Contact Person: Greta Turney, Superintendent
kneeland@kneelandsd.org
Questions: All questions must be submitted in writing via e mail to kneeland@kneelandsd.org by 4:00 P.M. Friday December 8, 2023 @ 4:00P P.M.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
1. The Kneeland School District (hereinafter "Kneeland School" or "District") is soliciting Statements of Qualifications for a variety of On-Call Consulting Services (hereinafter "PROJECT"), and will receive Qualifications via e-mail to Greta Turney at kneeland@kneelandsd.org up to Friday, December 8, 2023 by 4:00 P.M.
2. The services to be performed by the successful proposer are described in this Request for Qualifications.
3. All responsive Statements of Qualifications shall be reviewed and evaluated by the District in order to determine which Proposer best meets the District's needs for the PROJECT. The criteria by which the District shall evaluate Statements of Qualifications are set forth in this Request for Qualifications.
4. The District reserves the right to reject any and all Statements of Qualifications or waive any irregularities in the responses or the review process.
5. The Kneeland School District is not responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation of Statements of Qualifications and/or any work rendered by a firm prior to the contract award.

Overview:
The Kneeland School District provides water and recreation facilities to the unincorporated community of Kneeland, CA. Kneeland, CA is located approximately 17 miles east of Eureka, CA at an elevation of 2,800 feet.
The Kneeland School District is soliciting Statements of Qualifications for on-call professional services, including, but not limited to, civil engineering, project management, environmental permitting/compliance, water and wastewater system engineering, storm drainage, grant funding development, and other related fields. The Kneeland School District is looking for consulting firms that have a comprehensive team of professionals who can provide a broad range of quality consulting services.

Infrastructure Overview:
The Kneeland School District water is supplied by an engineered subsurface spring catchment with sloped earth cover.
The District's water distribution system consists of the following:
• 13,000-gallon polyethylene raw spring source ground water collection tank
• 2 5,000-gallon polyethylene raw storage tanks
• 4 119-gallon polypropylene inner shell fiberglass-wound epoxy resin outer shell contact tanks.
• 2 booster pumps
• 3 water meters
• Approximately 700 feet of GSP high-pressure main line (1.5 inch)
• 1 wet barrel fire hydrant
• Transmission and distribution pipeline (approximately 1,700 feet of 1.5-inch lines)
• 2 pump houses
• Water treatment facility within maintenance building
• Security fencing

List of Potential Services:
1. Preparation of plans for Public Works projects including, but not limited to water storage and distribution and wastewater collection, treatment and disposal and drainage.
2. Development of grant applications for various projects
3. Construction management and inspection of District projects
4. General Engineering Assistance for municipal infrastructure design, development review, electrical and mechanical engineering services
5. Environmental Services:
• CEQA and NEPA compliance documents
• Environmental permitting documents
• Wetland and biological surveying and documentation
• Cultural resources research and documentation
• Assistance to the District in its responsibilities as CEQA Lead or Responsible Agency, by reviewing and recommending CEQA documents prepared by a consultant for private development, or by the On-Call Consulting Firm for District projects

Contents of Qualification:
Qualifications shall include the following information presented in a clear and concise format in order to demonstrate the Proposer's related experience, competence and professional Qualifications for the satisfactory performance of the services outlined in the PROJECT List of Potential Services section of this Request for Qualifications.
1. Cover Letter: A cover letter (2 pages maximum) outlining consultant's interest in the PROJECT. Cover letter may include other information.
2. Firm Experience :
a. Firm Profile: Overview of consulting firm(s) and description of services offered. Firms will be expected to have experience in projects similar to some or all of the tasks listed in the Overview section above. Inexperience in certain task areas may not preclude a firm from being selected.
b. Project Descriptions: Three descriptions of recent projects for which the Project Team has performed services of similar scope to the type of work described above.
c. Team Member Biographies: Brief professional biographies of the principals and employees (PROJECT team) which the proposer will assign to this PROJECT. Biographies shall include: a summary of the Qualifications, licenses, and experience of each individual.
d. Organizational Chart: Describe visually the technical and management structure of the principals and employees.
3. Understanding and PROJECT Management :
a. Understanding: A summary of the Consultant's understanding of the overall PROJECT, including experience and understanding of historical projects in the District, existing infrastructure, and funding constraints and sources.
4. Other Requirements :
a. A statement which discloses any past, ongoing, or potential conflicts of interest which the Proposer may have as a result of performing the work on this PROJECT.
b. A statement confirming that consulting firm is operating under a current business license appropriate to the PROJECT area.
c. A statement confirming that consulting firm, if selected, can issue certificates of insurance.
d. The Qualification must be signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The Kneeland School District is not responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation of Qualifications and/or any work rendered by a firm prior to the contract award.

QUALIFICATION EVALUATION
The Kneeland School District is using the competitive Qualification Based Selection process, wherein the experience and approach of each submitted Statement of Qualification is evaluated as it relates to the services required and other elements outlined in this RFQ. All Statements of Qualifications will be reviewed and rated by a selection panel according to criteria discussed above and as summarized below:

1. Cover letter outlining consultant's interest in PROJECT.	10 points
2. Overall experience of firm in conducting activities similar to those in the Scope of Services.	50 points
3. Consultant's overall understanding of the PROJECT and quality of the approach presented in the Scope of Services.	35 points
4. Other requirements.	5 points
Total	100 Points

Delivery of Statement of Qualifications:
It is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that the Statement of Qualifications is received by District prior to the hour and date for submittal of the Statement of Qualifications specified in this Request for Qualifications. Any submittals received by District after the hour and date shall be rejected. Statements of Qualifications shall be emailed to Greta Turney at kneeland@kneelandsd.org up to Friday, December 8, 2023 at 4:00 P.M.
All Statements of Qualifications, whether selected or rejected, shall become the property of District. District is not responsible for Statements of Qualifications delivered to a person/location other than specified above.
All submittals shall be sent in PDF or Word format.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00669
The following person is doing Business as
NORTH COAST MOBIL WASH

Humboldt
245 Buckman Trail Ln
McKinleyville, CA 95519

Mark D Engstrom
PO Box 3016
McKinleyville, CA 95519

NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE [CIV. CODE SEC. 798.56A(E); COMM. CODE SECS. 7209, 7210]
TO ELIZABETH GRACE JACKSON AND DUSTY RUCKER; AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING AN INTEREST in the following goods:
A 1972 mobilehome, Manufacturer: Glenbrook HM N Calif. Inc., Tradename: Glenbrook, Decal No. ABG9749, Serial No. 007I; HUD Label/Insignia 35357.
SINCE THE DEMAND MADE under Civil Code Section 798.56a(e) and Commercial Code Sections 7209, 7210(2) of the Commercial Code by **QSW, INC. dba TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA, a California corporation** ("Community Owner") for payment in full of the storage charges due and unpaid was not satisfied, the above-stated mobilehome, held on account of Elizabeth Jackson and Dusty Rucker, and due notice having been given to all parties known to claim an interest in the mobilehome and the time specified in the notice having expired, **notice is hereby given** said mobilehome, and all of the fixtures contained in the home, will be advertised for public sale and sold by auction at **10:00 a.m. on December 22, 2023 at 4984 Van Dyke Ct., City of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California 95521**. The subject mobilehome, and all fixtures contained in the home, will be sold in bulk, "as-is" without warranties of title, fitness for a particular purpose or any other warranties, express or implied, and will be subject to a credit bid by Community Owner. The sale is subject to change upon proper notice.
Please take notice payment at the public sale must be made by certified funds within three (3) days of the warehouse lien sale or at the time the mobilehome is removed from the premises, whichever is sooner. Failure to pay or remove as required will result in failure of the bid in which case the next highest bid will be taken subject to these same terms and conditions; if the next highest bidder is Community Owner's credit bid, then Community Owner's credit bid will prevail.

Reasonable storage charges at the per diem rate of at least \$14.82 from September 27, 2023, plus utilities and other charges due as of November 1, 2023 of at least \$234.72, plus estimated charges of \$1,000.00 for publication and service charges (note: this is an estimated administrative charge only; actual charges incurred must be paid to satisfy the demand for payment), all associated with the storage of the mobilehome in the sum of \$1,842.34. Additionally, you must pay daily storage in the amount of \$14.82 per day accruing on or after November 7, 2023, plus utilities and other charges associated with the storage of the mobilehome due after December 1, 2023, and continuing until the mobilehome is removed from the Community.

Please take further notice all bidders must remove the subject mobilehome from the premises within seventy-two (72) hours after the sale or disposition of the same. **THE MOBILEHOME MAY NOT REMAIN IN TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA AFTER THE SALE OR DISPOSITION**. Any purchaser of the mobilehome will take title and possession subject to any liens under California Health & Safety Code §18116.1. All bidders are responsible and liable for any penalties, or other costs, including, but not limited to, defective title or other bond, which may be necessary to obtain title to, or register, the mobilehome.
TOWN & COUNTRY MOBILE VILLA
Dated: November 27, 2023, at San Jose, California BY: ANDREW J. DITLEVSEN

PUBLIC NOTICE STORAGE AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien on said property pursuant to sections 21700-21716 of the Business and Professions Code section 2328 of the UCC section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code. The undersigned will sell by competitive bidding on the 16th day of December, 2023 at 10:00am. Where said property has been stored and which is located at Sutter Central Storage, 1649 Sutter Road, McKinleyville, CA 95519, County of Humboldt the following:

#74 Ashley Pricer

#296 Michael Morrison

#318 Cammie Forward

#557 Mitzi Hanes

#633 Carrie Crook

#634 Jeremiah Cleveland

#644 Jose Balmaceda

#810 Ted Elvin

Purchases must be paid for at the time of sale in cash only. All purchase items sold as-is, where is, and must be removed within 48 hours of the time of sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between the owner and the obligated party. Auctioneer David Johnson bond #9044453

12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-426)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00513

The following person is doing Business as

NORTHTOWN COFFEE

Humboldt

1603 G Street

Arcata, CA 95521

Elvenstar Empire, LLC
CA 202309315867
1603 G Street
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on October 20, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s Holly Clancy, Manager Member This October 20, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/2023 (23-393)

LEGALS?

classified@northcoastjournal.com

442-1400 x314

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00623

The following person is doing Business as

LITTLE RIVER FARM

Humboldt

140 Ole Hansen Rd

Eureka, CA 95503

John M Severn
140 Ole Hansen Rd
Eureka, CA 95503

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on August 1, 1999 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s John Severn, Owner This October 24, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-408)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00628

The following person is doing Business as

NUFROZEN

Humboldt

197 Bigfoot Ave

Willow Creek, CA 95573

PO Box 323
Willow Creek, CA 95573

Catherine I Gould
197 Bigfoot Ave
Willow Creek, CA 95573

Daniel P Landen
197 Bigfoot Ave
Willow Creek, CA 95573

The business is conducted by a General Partnership. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on September 19, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s Catherine Gould & Daniel Landen, Owners/Co-Partners This October 27, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES by jc, Humboldt County Clerk

11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21/2023 (23-407)

LEGALS?

442-1400 x314

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00648

The following person is doing Business as

REDWOOD FLEA MARKET

Humboldt

3750 Harris Street

Eureka, CA 95503

2904 T Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Grant D Pingree
2904 T Street
Eureka, CA 95501

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on Not Applicable I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s Grant Pingree, Owner This November 7, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/2023 (23-410)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00650

The following person is doing Business as

WILD ROSE SKIN

Humboldt

613 H St Suite A

Arcata, CA 95521

Alexandra M Rose
613 H St Suite A
Arcata, CA 95521

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on November 1, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s Alexandra Rose, Owner This November 8, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES by ss, Humboldt County Clerk

11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/2023 (23-401)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00659

The following person is doing Business as

COWGIRL CANNA

Humboldt

217 Tierney Rd

Redcrest, CA 95569

Hayle D Gibson
217 Tierney Rd
Redcrest, CA 95569

The business is conducted by an Individual. The date registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or name listed above on November 6, 2023 I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). /s Hayle Gibson, Owner This November 6, 2023 JUAN P. CERVANTES by sc, Humboldt County Clerk

11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-405)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00669

The following person is doing Business as

NORTH COAST MOBIL WASH

Humboldt

245 Buckman Trail Ln

McKinleyville, CA 95519

Mark D Engstrom
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11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-404)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00680

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Humboldt

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Eureka, CA 95503

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12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28/2023 (23-422)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 23-00653

The following person is doing Business as

CRUZ'N KITCHEN

Humboldt

3120 Little Pond St

McKinleyville, CA 95519

Kacie D Cowman
3120 Little Pond St
McKinleyville, CA 95519

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11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/2023 (23-398)

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CYNTHIA CORONADO-BROWN
CASE NO. CV2301766
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT 825 FIFTH ST. EUREKA, CA. 95501

PETITION OF: CYNTHIA CORONADO-BROWN for a decree changing names as follows: Present name CYNTHIA CORONADO-BROWN

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NOTICE OF HEARING
Date: January 19, 2024
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Date: November 14, 2023
Filed: November 14, 2023
/s/ Timothy A. Canning
Judge of the Superior Court

11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/2023 (23-403)

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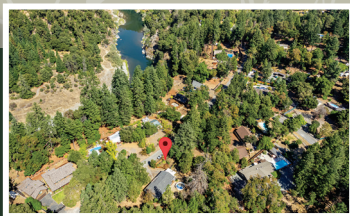
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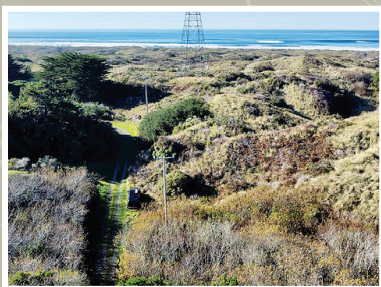
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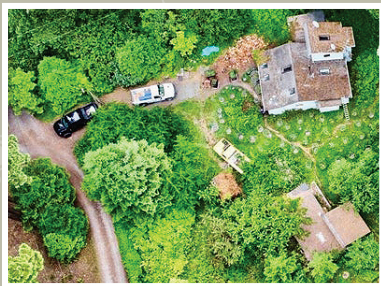
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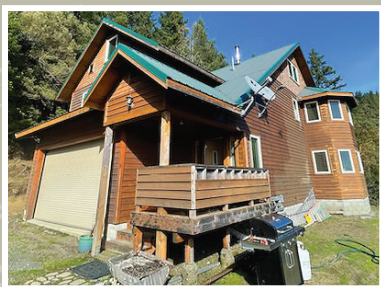
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TUESDAY 12/19

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Aprons by Kristine
Wee Bitty
Donna Albers Jewelry
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1-4

Aprons by Kristine
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Black Creek Preserve
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FRIDAY 12/22

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